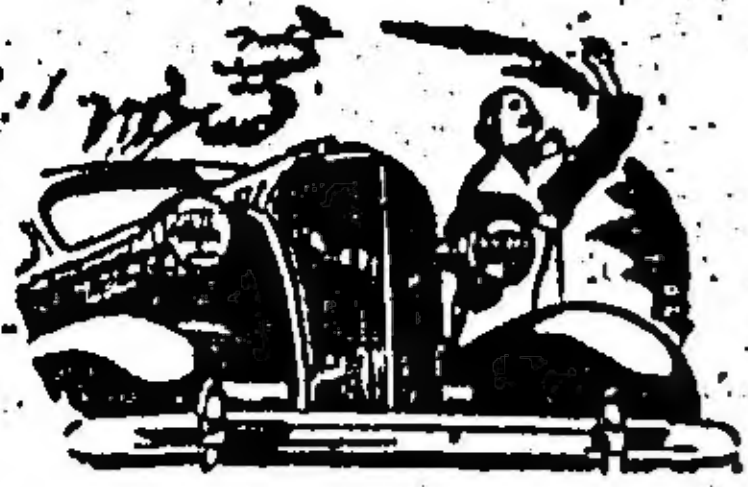


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## SPAIN ASKS BRITAIN TO GRANT HELP Offers Concessions To London And Paris AS INDUCEMENT TO JOIN IN WAR AGAINST REBELS

London, Mar. 17.

A demarche by the Spanish Government at Valencia, with a view to obtaining British and French assistance in the civil war, has been published by the insurgent authorities at Salamanca.

It appears that the Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Delvayo, presented a note to Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and M. Yves Delbos, French Foreign Minister, at Geneva on February 9. In this, the Spanish Government offered to cede certain rights in Spanish Morocco in return for help against the rebels.

Inquiries by Reuter in London to-day revealed that such a note had been received by His Majesty's Government, but that no reply had yet been given.

However, it is pointed out, neither Britain nor France can entertain the proposal for a moment, as it would be contrary to their treaty obligations. A reply in this sense is likely to be despatched soon.—Reuter.

### Aerial Activity

London, Mar. 17.

Military activity in Spain is at present mainly confined to aerial warfare. On the Guadalajara front, according to a Government Communiqué, Loyalist aircraft have been very active. Some 25 bombers claim to have wrought terrible destruction when they attacked the insurgent lines while 30 pursuit planes attacked and machine-gunned rebel concentrations.

It is stated in the same communiqué that the rebels lost several pursuit planes and one big Junker bomber in aerial action, while the Government had only one casualty, a pursuit ship.

On the other hand, General de Llano, the rebel staff officer, in a broadcast last night, claimed that 10 Government planes had been brought down in the past few hours of fighting.

A Lisbon message reports that a radio broadcast from Seville states the American Embassy has moved from Madrid to Alicante.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

## PROBING CLICHY RIOTING

WORKERS DEMAND  
FASCIST BAN

CALL STRIKE IN  
PROTEST

Paris, Mar. 17.

The Cabinet has decided to open an immediate investigation to ascertain the responsibility for the riots in the Clichy quarter, in which, during a clash between Fascists and anti-Fascists, six were killed and 200 injured.

A communiqué issued by the Seine Union of Syndicates states that the half-day general strike which it is calling for to-morrow, as a protest against last night's events, is not directed against the Blum Government, which must remain in power.

In order not to place the Government in difficulties, rigid discipline will be exercised by the strike leaders, and the men will resume work in the afternoon.

The object of the strike, says the communiqué, is to emphasize the need for dissolving "Fascist Leagues".—Reuter.

## TRIBUTES PAID TO VETERAN BALDWIN LAUDS CHAMBERLAIN PRAISE FROM ALL SIDES

(Special to "Telegraph")

London, Mar. 17.

Moving tributes were spoken in hushed voices in the House of Commons this afternoon in memory of the late Sir Austen Chamberlain. The former Foreign Minister's usual seat was vacant, and Sir Austen's half-brother, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, listened to the tributes unobtrusively from behind the Speaker's chair.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, after recalling that Sir Austen Chamberlain had introduced him to the House when he (the Premier) was elected twenty-nine years ago, said that although there was a brief period when there was a fundamental difference of opinion between them, that never affected their mutual regard for each other. As Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen had accomplished a work for which he believed history would give him credit. He was a very great parliamentarian and always a formidable figure in debate.

The Premier added that, great as had been his political career, during the last few years he had exercised a far greater influence than ever before, dropping the partisanship essential to those on either front bench and displaying his gifts of candour and wisdom.

### OTHER TRIBUTES

Mr. Clement R. Attlee, speaking for the Labour Party, recalled Sir Austen's constant endeavour to make personal contacts with the leading statesmen of Europe, so that by personal understanding, difficulties might be removed. He paid a tribute to his work on the Indian Select Committee, dealing with terribly difficult constitutional questions.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, for the Liberals, described Sir Austen as a great Commoner, tenacious of principle. (Continued on Page 12.)

## Dutch to Treat Ship Seizures As Acts of Piracy FINAL WARNING TO REBELS: WARSHIPS RUSH TO SPAIN

The Hague, March 17.

Any further seizure of Dutch ships by Spanish insurgent warships will be regarded as piracy, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Jhr. A. C. D. de Craeff, informed the Senate here to-day. It is piracy because the Dutch Government has not recognised General Francisco Franco's Government, he added.

Dutch warships have been instructed to take necessary action, he announced.

His statement followed the receipt of news of the seizure of a Dutch collier at Ceuta this morning.—Reuter.

### RUSHING TO SPAIN

The Dutch cruiser, Java, returning to the East Indies, arrived here to-day and left again, at full speed, for Spanish waters.—Reuter.

### Ready To Leave

Lisbon, Mar. 17.

The Dutch submarine, O-16, which arrived in the Tagus last week, has received instructions from the Dutch Government to be ready to leave at a moment's notice. It is understood she is departing to-morrow for Malaga to demand the immediate release of two Dutch steamers recently seized by the insurgent fleet.—Reuter.

### Collier Released

Rotterdam, Mar. 17.

According to a message received by the owners from Ceuta, the insurgent authorities have released the collier, Jonge Johanna, reported seized this morning. Her cargo has not been confiscated.—Reuter.

### Arms For Rebels

London, Mar. 17.

Two German ships, the August Cords and the Consul Cords, are at present at Antwerp having loaded arms for Spain at Bremen, according to a Spanish note delivered to the Foreign Office to-day.

They are now loading ordinary cargo in order to disguise their real intentions, but their crews state that the ships are bound for ports in the insurgents' hands.—Reuter.

## Rotarians To Confer In Nanking HONGKONG PARTY WILL ATTEND

Hongkong Rotarians will be represented at the annual conference of the 81st Rotary District, which will take place in Nanking from April 11 to 13.

So far Mr. David Au, Manager of the Bank of Canton, Dr. Arthur Woo and Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam have signified their intention of being present on behalf of Hongkong Rotary.

Preparations for the forthcoming conference are being made under the direction of Mr. Hon Shu-mo, vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Nanking Government, who will preside over the conference.

Among the features of the entertainment programme are a reception, dinner and ball, to be given by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a dinner to be given jointly by the Ministries of Industries, Education, Railways and Communications, and a tiffin-reception to be given by the Mayor of Nanking.

### SIGN UP WITH C.I.O.

Pittsburgh, Mar. 17.

The President of the United States Steel Corporation has signed a contract with the John Lewis Steel Union providing for the settlement of all labour disputes without resort to strikes.—Reuter.

## Denounces Italians' Atrocities

London, Mar. 17.

The Negus has sent a letter to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations requesting the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the alleged Italian atrocities in Ethiopia.

Haile Selassie denounces the "execution of Ras Desta and other chiefs taken prisoner on the battlefield and the killing of thousands of persons during the three days after the attempt on the life of Marshal Graziani and the systematic massacres of the Ethiopian population."—Reuter Bulletin Service.

## Britain and U.S. Draw Closer

## MANILA SEES SIGNIFICANCE IN FRIENDLINESS

"Political observers in the Philippines see a new effort at Anglo-American rapprochement in current events in the Far East," says the Manila Bulletin in an editorial article published recently.

"At no time since the American occupation of the Philippines have there been so many expressions of Anglo-American friendship and such a free exchange of official visits.

"Part of the circumstances behind these visits is purely fortuitous. At the same time, many persons in the Philippines are unable to escape the belief that there is a deliberate and planned attempt on both sides to cultivate this friendship because of the deep-seated mutuality of interest of British and Americans in the Far East.

"Tension caused by the Keeling incident in which three British sailors were manhandled by Japanese caused the cancellation of the usual British naval visits to Tokyo. This cancellation accounted in part for the fact that the Philippines have entertained within the course of slightly more than six weeks 23 British ships and three different official delegations from Hongkong.

"The most important of these was the official visit of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Naval Station in China, Vice Admiral Sir Charles Little's call was in every sense official, and he was accorded the customary full official honours.

"Additional weight is given to this visit from Hongkong by the very recent statement of Admiral H.E. Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the American Asiatic Fleet. 'Aboard the flagship Augusta, he had just made United Press.

## DUTCH WARNING TO INSURGENTS



Jhr. A. C. D. de Craeff, Netherlands Foreign Minister, who has warned the Spanish insurgents that any further seizure of Dutch ships will be treated as acts of piracy.

## BOMBS SHAKE JERUSALEM Continued Violence Worries Britain NO WISH TO DECLARE MARTIAL LAW

Jerusalem, Mar. 17.

A constable and several Jewish passers-by were injured by the explosion of a bomb in a crowded main street of Jerusalem at 7 p.m. to-day. An Arab has been arrested in connection with the outrage.

Sixteen persons, including four children, were injured, and two are in a serious condition, it was disclosed later.

Two further bombs were thrown later to-night into an Arab cafe in a main street. Seven Arabs were injured and taken to hospital.

Late at night, a third bombing took place. A missile was tossed into an Arab cafe on the outskirts of the city and four were injured.—Reuter.

### DEPLORES VIOLENCE

LONDON, Mar. 17.

Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for Colonies, speaking in the House of Commons to-day, deplored the assassinations and acts of violence in Palestine in recent weeks. He welcomed the statement issued by the Officer Administering the Government declaring the Mutli of Jerusalem and other members of the Arab Higher Committee had expressed their abhorrence of these acts. But, unfortunately, these crimes had continued, he pointed out.

It was extremely difficult to ensure security in a country where tension was acute, following the prolonged disturbances and lawlessness of last year, Mr. Ormsby-Gore explained. He had personally discussed with the High Commissioner the question of taking further measures for dealing with the increasing number of acts of violence. The High Commissioner was due to reach Palestine next Friday to take up matters with his advisers and to consult with the Commander-in-Chief and the Chief of Police as to the matter of urgency.

### WANTS MARTIAL LAW

Mr. Josiah Wedgwood, Labour, asked: "How long does the Government intend to tolerate this state of affairs? When will martial law be proclaimed?"

Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that he did not know that martial law was the best method of dealing with the situation. The British Government would be reluctant to declare martial law, he said, as it would mean the end of all civil Government.

The Minister said he was satisfied that the acts of violence were organised by local bodies and by small murder gangs. He was sure the Arab outrages had no connection with the Higher Committee.—Reuter, Special.

## Fen Country Floods

SITUATION STILL  
CAUSES ANXIETY

London, Mar. 17.

Anxiety in regard to the flood situation in the low-lying fen country of England is still acute as the banks of the swollen River Ouse and its tributaries are being constantly washed.

The Minister of Agriculture, in the House of Commons this afternoon, said the floods had engaged his close attention and in order to be kept in close touch with the position from day to day a Ministry engineer is in the district.

Mr. Morrison added that according to the latest telephoned information the position was still critical, although there was a slight fall in the water level. The whole position, he said, is being closely watched by the Catchment Boards concerned and all necessary remedial measures were being taken.—British Wireless.

### TYPHOON WARNING

The Manila Observatory, reporting at 3.55 a.m. to-day, states that the typhoon is situated at about Long. 115, Lat. 11, moving west.

## Standard Oil Loses Large Concessions

New York, Mar. 7.

The Bolivian Government has issued a decree cancelling the Standard Oil Company's concession and confiscating the Company's vast holdings in the country, according to the New York Times.

According to a Buenos Aires correspondent, the decree charges the Company with defrauding the national revenues to the extent of three million Bolivian pesos by exporting oil without payment of taxes or royalties, through a secret pipe-line to Argentina.—Reuter.

## AMBULANCE WORKERS PRAISED

COL. J. L. SLEEMAN  
IN HONGKONG  
RECALLS FINE  
SERVICE

Hongkong ambulance workers received high praise from Colonel James L. Sleeman, Chief Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Overseas, when the Colonel arrived here on an inspectional tour of the British Empire.

The headquarters staff in England is extremely pleased with the reports of progress made in the Colony, said Colonel Sleeman, both in the first aid and nursing detachments.

"In other places, especially South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, the Brigade is very strong and most efficient," continued the Commissioner. "In India I found over 3,000 excellent ambulance men but insufficient nursing divisions. In Burma, I am glad to say, the work is proceeding very well, while in Ceylon the fact that practically all the members of the police force of almost 3,000 are members speaks for itself. The efficiency of this force is beyond all praise and I have never witnessed such good stretcher drill performed by 17 teams simultaneously."

"In Singapore much requires to be done before the ambulance service can be said to be satisfactory, but steps are now being taken in that direction.

"In South Africa the whole of the members of the railway service are also members of the Brigade, with the result that they give definite proof of the financial value of the service." (Continued on Page 12.)

## STOP PRESS Over Pacific

Oakland, Mar. 17.

Amelia Earhart, noted airwoman, hopped off from here to-day on a projected flight across the Pacific, planning eventually to complete a flight around the world.

She will fly by the quickest route to Port Darwin, North Australia, and follow Imperial Airways routes to Africa. She will fly the Sahara and South Atlantic and then the Caribbean Sea.

She is accompanied by a competent amateur pilot but expects to leave him at Port Darwin after the worst part of her flight is accomplished.—United Press.



REPORT BY ZOE FARMAR  
& ROBB FROM PARIS SHOWS  
ON NEW SPRING FASHIONS

# The English cut has it

Paris.

GETTING down to what we are to wear this spring-summer the Paris designers have gone all Union Jack. Why? Designers this or that side of the Channel care most deeply about what the American customers will buy (America sets the market, Europe sets the fashion) and American women who won't see our Coronation want to wear it.

They have already worn out their enthusiasm for the obvious royal insignia, like crown and sceptre buttons, herald coats and what-all. Now their highly paid buying representatives are looking simply for clothes that look English in cut and style and have at the same time just a suggestion of royal going-on. So the tailor-made suit walks right ahead in popularity and ingenuity in the half-yearly fashion parades.

## Trimmings show the royal influence

But it is not the plain classic cut affair that your husbands like you to wear. A swank designer can't afford to leave a plain suit plain. It had to be jazzed up a bit with royal flavouring.

So here, under headings (to make it easy for you to hand right over to your tailor), I've listed some of the ways of having a tailor-made that doesn't look like the one you had last year.

**LAPELS** are ornamental. Edged with braid, some flat faced, others with a contrasting colour stitched on in an in-and-out scroll design outlined with bright coloured piping, or coarsely stitched. In contrast to the suit and matching the blouse. Embroidered in silk. Standing up stiffly, not pressed back. Rolled back, but not pressed. Anything, it seems, but the sort of lapel that you're used to.

**BUTTONS** are smaller, mostly tailor type, and fewer. No more of those suits that make you look centipede-chested or dangle queer little stumpy buttons.

Instead of fancy buttons, more ingenuity in the button-holes. Embroidered cord, or metal, loops. Ordinary button-holes faced with contrasting fabric matching gloves, jumper or bag.

## Double-deckers

**POCKETS** plenty. Often oddly shaped to match lapels; some double-decked (so that what looks like two pockets, one above other, is only one inside). Again much embroidery: piped edges, narrow vari-coloured braidings, corded.

**JACKETS:** As well as short classic length, some bolero style, dipping to a V at the back, and some hark back to the '20s—below-finger-tip redingote (which means, in case like me you used to wonder, really "riding coat style"—close tailored on the chest, roomy below).

Styling for short jackets often Tyrolean with tiny inlets at back of gay chintz fabrics—but only a flash of them, from the lining.

**SKIRTS:** Close-fitting and plain. Pleats small, flat and hidden as much as possible. Much straight panelling.

## Stuffs for Spring

**FABRICS:** For later spring, heavy tussore and corded silks. Imitation suede (like those cheap gloves, looking like matt stockingette) for jackets, sometimes skirts as well. Linens coarser-woven than ever, looking like canvas. Tweed-silk mixtures.

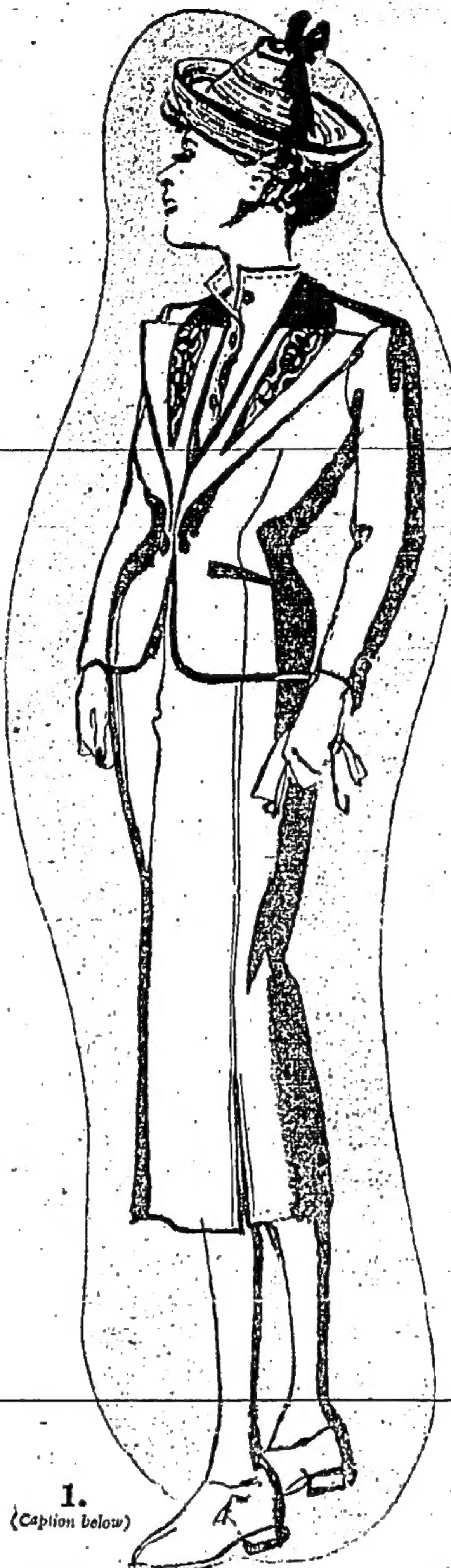
**COMMENT:** Good practical clothes so far and just the sort that suit us (excepting the few that tend to over-ornamentation).

**LENGTH:** 14ins. from ground.

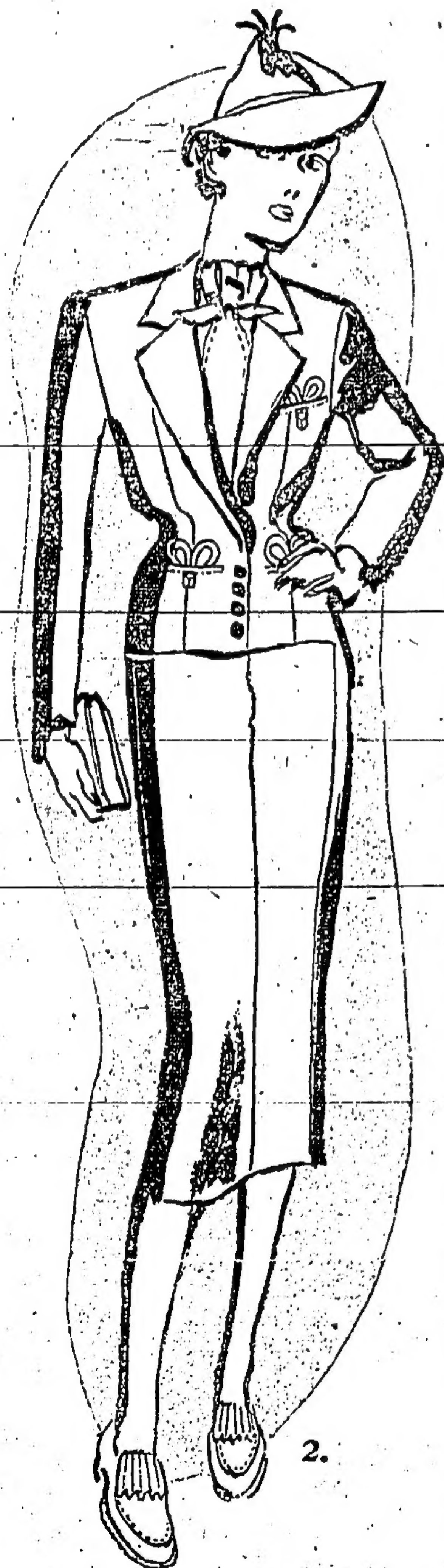
**OUTLINE:** Classical and un-exaggerated (no phoney shoulders or sleeves). Natural to high waist-line. **Z.F.**

**1** (figure above). Suit of biscuit-coloured tussore with dark brown relief. Jacket: biscuit-coloured. Dark tussore lapels embroidered in silk. Pocket panels narrow at sides. Skirt: three panels with hidden pleat one side. Hat: coarse natural-coloured straw. Small Mexican shape. Dark ribbon. Jumper: suede, light, with dark buttons. Outlined dark coarse stitching.

**2** Suit of dull green tweed. Jacket: decorated pockets, self stuff is stitched on to form bow loops. Skirt: close fitting; three lines of stitching panelling front. Jumper: deep green crepe de Chine. Note neck treatment: stock tucks under front bow. Hat: felt, brim wider in front. Shoes: very flat heels shown with most suits. Almost clog-shaped, brogueed.



1.  
(Caption below)



2.

## BITS TO CUT OUT

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For superficial cuts: Apply friar's balsam.

For rheumatism: The infusion of sassafras bark is often helpful.

### Orange Cake

½lb. flour, ½lb. butter, ½lb. sugar, 4 eggs.

Two oranges, a pinch of baking powder, glace icing, butter icing.

Beat the butter and sugar to a cream, and mix in the eggs one at a time. Add the grated rind of the oranges, the sieved flour, and baking powder. Fold in lightly, place in a deep sandwich tin lined with greased paper, and bake in a moderate oven for about thirty minutes.

When cool, cut into layers, and sandwich with butter icing to which has been added the juice of one orange. Coat with glace icing coloured orange and flavoured with the juice of the other orange.

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## 1400 A. D. RECIPES

THEY'RE WORTH TRYING

If we read cookery books (an amusing and virtuous occupation) of all ages we find that the old ones are more interesting than useful; but they throw a light on the modes and manners of a period, and help us to visualise life in those old days.

As for the recipes themselves, their main interest, as a rule, is not of a culinary nature as far as we are concerned, and we must consider them as curious museum pieces, by which I mean those which are several centuries old.

The proportions were enormous, the indications extravagant and the mixture of flavours alarming. They were also incredibly gross.

Yet we can distinguish the elements, the ideas which later will combine to make the dishes as we appreciate them at present.

The "Gothic Cooking," for instance, belonging to the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, contains several dishes and sauces of the same kind as we find now in Nordic countries, with a sweet element added to the flavour of meat.

The most famous ones were the Sauce de trahison, which was made with chopped onion melted with chopped bacon mixed with bread-crumbs and finished with red wine, vinegar, cinnamon, sugar and mustard. Apart from the unusual sugar and cinnamon, this might be the ancestor of our spicy "Sauce Diabla."

But a sauce called Eau Benite seems to us terribly Gothic—boil together rose water, verjuice, ginger and marjoram, and strain.

Yet the 16th century was to see the freakish fashion of perfuming every sauce and dish with iris, rose and ambergris, even of feeding bowls with pills of musk so that their flesh should be impregnated with the scent.

However, there are a few, very few, recipes dating from these days which we can use to-day with pleasure. The following are interesting and also good specimens.

### Gallimaufry

TAKE a leg of lamb and remove the skin, the fat and the bone. Cut the flesh in pieces into each with a large needle one or two thin pieces of streaky bacon rolled in chopped parsley.

Put a small quantity of olive oil in a saucepan; when hot put in the pieces of meat, salt, pepper and a bouquet of thyme and parsley.

Fry them lightly, tossing them well, then put in a glass of brandy which you set alight; shake till the flames die out. Add slices of mushroom, a little coulis, "anything you like" says the author.

Cook very slowly till tender and squeeze a little lemon juice.

Dispose around the meat in the dish chestnuts which have previously been cooked, and pour the sauce all over.

The coulis in question is not described. It must have been something to make a short sauce and give a spicy taste; cream, the burnt brandy, the liquid out of the meat and the mushrooms being the other elements in the finished sauce.

Therefore there should be just enough oil to sear the meat at the beginning, otherwise the sauce would not be nice.

### Lemon Omelette

THIS is a sweet omelette, as the old book spells it, "aumelette," made with the usual proportions of eggs, two for each person. When beaten, add, also for each person, a tablespoonful of bread-crumbs and a little lemon-peel, finely chopped.

Sprinkle the finished omelette with sugar, and glaze quickly with a red iron or a salamander.

### Broiled Trout

TAKE out the entrails, cut the fish across the side (by which is obviously meant a few superficial incisions here and there), and wash them. Fill the cuts with thyme, marjoram and parsley, chopped fine.

Set the gridiron on the fire, rub the bars with suet, and lay the trout on, basting them with fresh butter until they are well "broiled."

Serve with a sauce of butter and vinegar and the yolk of an egg beaten well together.

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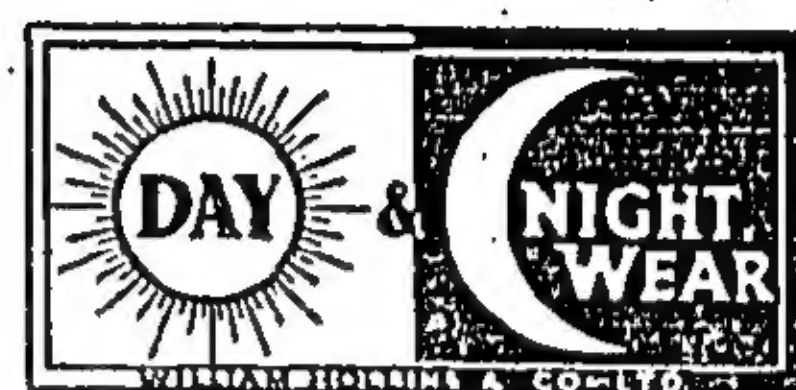
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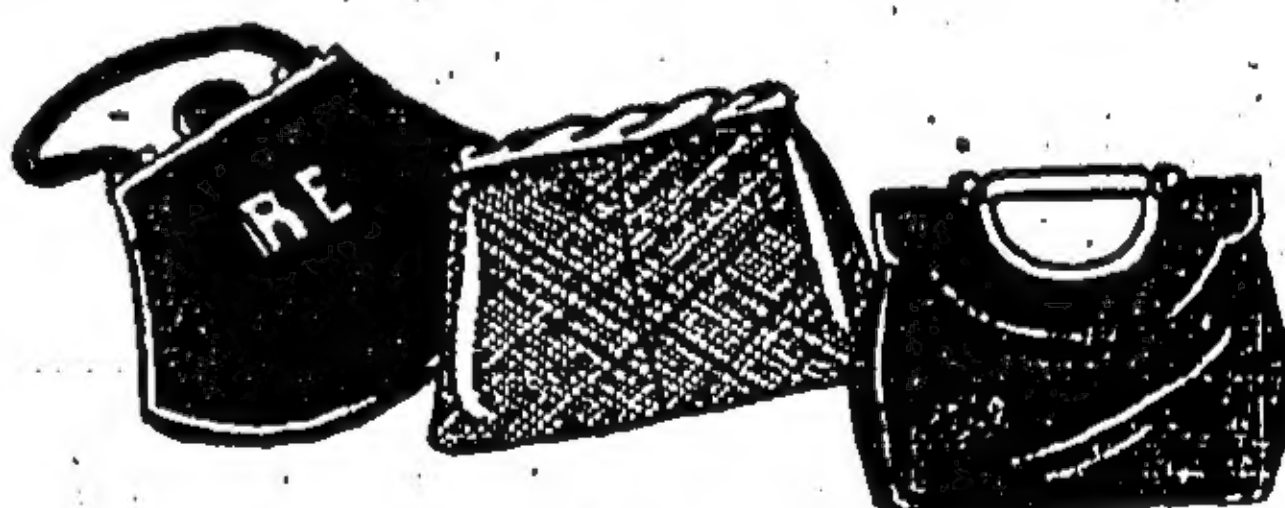
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# HOW BRITAIN PROPOSES TO UTILISE DEFENCE FUNDS

## Navy, Army And Air Force Expansion

IN accordance with a request made in the House of Commons when the Defence Bill was introduced the Government has now issued a White Paper setting forth in brief detail the programme of Defence that it proposes to undertake.

The paper, which is published in full below, states that although authority is sought to raise a maximum of £400 millions for services from April this year to April 1942 it does not imply that the whole of this sum will in fact be raised, nor does it represent the total cost of expenditure on Defence.

The opportunity is taken to indicate the width of the field necessarily covered by the Defence programme in consequence of the extent of the deficiencies to be made good, the underlying strategic requirements and the changing conditions of modern warfare.

The paper states that the modernisation of the defences of strategic points in various parts of the Empire is in itself a formidable item in the cost of the Defence programme.

## STRATEGIC POINTS IN EMPIRE FORMIDABLE ITEM IN COST

THE White Paper reads:—

In the statement made in the House of Commons on February 11, the Chancellor of the Exchequer explained that while defence expenditure during the ensuing years could not equitably be met entirely from revenue, and must in part rest on appropriations from capital, neither the total amount which must be raised from capital, nor the total period over which such capital expenditure must be spread, could at present be predicted.

2. Constitutional usage requires that the Bill now proposed to be introduced should specify upward limits which cannot be exceeded except by further statutory authority.

The authority which His Majesty's Government seek for the issue of sums not exceeding in the aggregate £400 millions, to be applied as appropriations in aid of the money provided by Parliament for the Defence Services over the five years from April 1, 1937, to March 31, 1942, does not imply that the whole of this sum will in fact be raised.

The figure of £400 millions represents the maximum aggregate sum to be provided from borrowed money or from the Old Sinking Fund towards the total cost of Defence which Parliament will be asked to authorize.

MODIFICATIONS

The whole Defence programme will, however, remain flexible and will be subject to such modification as circumstances may demand. If conditions should permit, the programme will be curtailed or its execution will be spread over a longer period.

If events, which cannot now be foreseen, should show that amendment is called for, either in the maximum amount or in the period of years specified in the proposed Resolution, the necessary measures will be submitted to Parliament.

3. In the meantime, as explained in the Memorandum dated February 11, on the proposed Resolution (Cmd. 5368), Parliament will retain full control over defence expenditure.

The whole of such proposed expenditure will continue to be shown in the Estimates laid before the House of Commons, and will be subject to the normal methods of Parliamentary scrutiny and authorization.

It will also be provided that the sums which may be appropriated in aid of defence expenditure under the Bill must not in the course of any financial year exceed the sums shown in the Estimates laid before the House of Commons by Resolution in Supply.

II

GROWTH IN COMPLEXITY AND COST OF NEW ARMAMENTS

GENERALLY

4. In the White Paper presented to Parliament in March, 1936, (Cmd. 5107) an outline was given of the objectives aimed at, with an indication of the principal measures necessary for the reconditioning of our forces, as part of the co-ordinated plan which has been drawn up.

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

As that paper shows, great importance has from the outset been attached

to dealing with the problems of Defence by constant learning on the basis of adaptation in the light of changes in world conditions and of the new needs which arise from the intensive application of scientific research and invention to the problems of Defence.

5. The essential features of the White Paper of March 1936 remain unchanged, although certain measures of acceleration have been approved by Parliament. On the present occasion, therefore, it is unnecessary to repeat in detail the information given a year ago on the programme of His Majesty's Government.

Rather the opportunity is taken to indicate the width of the field necessarily covered by the Defence programme in consequence of the extent of the deficiencies to be made good, the underlying strategic requirements and the changing conditions of modern warfare.

6. Recent years have witnessed an immense elaboration of the mechanical equipment of Fighting Services in many countries. Modern forces, whether on land, at sea, or in the air, must, if they are to be effective, be provided with arms and defences more ingenious and formidable and far more costly than any conceived a generation ago.

MAINTENANCE

Moreover, it is not sufficient to equip a force in the first instance; it must be assured also of the swift and steady replacement of its equipment and supplies as war proceeds.

This is a circumstance which has a most important bearing on the cost of the Defence programme.

7. The growth in the destructive powers of Air Forces and their increasing range compel the adoption of a whole system of new measures, necessarily involving heavy cost, for air defence at home and overseas and for the protection of the civil population.

8. While the necessity for modern equipment and for protection against air attack is common to many nations, the wide dispersal of the territories comprised within the British Empire and the dependence of these islands upon supplies from overseas lay a special responsibility upon British Forces and, above all, upon the Navy to preserve the freedom of communication overseas, which is vital to our existence.

III

THE NAVY

Construction Of New Ships

9. There is no need to amplify the statement of the Navy's functions contained in the White Papers presented to Parliament in 1935 and 1936 (Cmd. 4827 and 5107). Heavy expenditure must be incurred over the next few years if the Navy is to be brought up to the strength necessary to ensure that it will be in a position to perform these functions.

10. New construction constitutes one of the main heads of this expenditure. In normal times it is of great advantage to arrange new construction pro-

grammes so as to ensure that the number of new vessels of each type to be laid down shall be approximately the same in each year.

If this plan is followed the costs of construction are spread evenly, and the Navy never finds itself at any time in the position that an undue proportion of the fleet consists of old or obsolescent ships.

11. In present circumstances, however, an even spread of new building is impossible, and for some years the country will be constrained to undertake a series of heavy building programmes.

The main reasons for this course are, first, that a considerable number of our existing ships are war-built and are, or will shortly become over-age, and secondly, that no vessels of certain types were built for a number of the years immediately after the war.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

12. Of our fifteen capital ships, only three are of post-war construction. Until the expiry of the London Naval Treaty on December 31, 1936, it was not possible to lay down any new vessels of this class.

Two such ships (costing approximately £2,000,000 each) were included in the 1936 new construction programme, and preliminary steps have been taken which will permit of the construction of three further ships early in the financial year 1937-8 as part of the new construction programme for that year, as soon as that programme has received Parliamentary authority.

13. In regard to cruisers, it was stated in the White Paper of March 1936 that our aim was to increase the total from about 60 to 70; of which 60 would be under-age and 10 over-age, and that five cruisers would be included in the 1936 programme.

Later, a measure of acceleration was deemed necessary, and the number of cruisers in the 1936 programme was raised to seven. It is anticipated that seven will be included in the 1937 programme.

14. Some acceleration was also decided upon in the construction of aircraft carriers. Two of these vessels, instead of one as originally contemplated, were laid down in 1936, and the third vessel of this type will probably be included in the 1937 programme.

AVERAGE COST

15. The result of this increased building programme upon the average cost of the new construction programmes in recent years, the figures being those of complete cost of all vessels laid down in any particular year.

The average cost for the years 1931-4 was less than £12 millions, but the cost of the 1936 programme, including the measures of acceleration referred to in the preceding paragraph, will be nearly £20 millions. It is contemplated that the average cost of the 1937 programme will be substantially higher.

16. In addition to new construction, heavy expenditure must also be incurred in modernising existing vessels. This applies, not only to capital ships, but also to cruisers. The provision of improved anti-aircraft defence is required.

At the same time the acquisition in sufficient quantity and proper quality of the ammunition, fuel, stores and other equipment and types which the Navy requires has also to proceed.

17. The programme will involve a further large increase in the strength of the Royal Navy, and the expenditure on the provision of new quarters and on important new works services needed in the Dockyards and other Navy Establishments, more particularly in connection with storage for ammunition, oil fuel and other reserves.

18. The Fleet Air Arm is being substantially increased in numbers of aircraft, and considerable measures of re-equipment are also necessary to keep pace with the evolution of more powerful types.

IV

THE ARMY

Modernisation Of Equipment

19. It was stated in the White Paper of March 1936 that the only increase in the number of fighting units in the Regular Army then proposed was the creation of four new battalions of Infantry. These units are required for maintaining our overseas garrisons. Two of them are to be raised in the near future.

Certain additional increases are necessary. These include two new Army Tank battalions, one of which will be raised in the near future, and certain ancillary troops necessary to enable a modern force to operate effectively in the field.

20. While recruiting has already shown some slight improvement, it has been decided to adopt certain measures designed to improve conditions in the Army and to make the service more attractive. Details of this scheme will be announced shortly.

The adoption of these measures will bring about a considerable increase in the normal maintenance costs, as a result of the increased numbers which it is expected will be borne on the strength, and of the additional expenditure incurred from the measures designed to stimulate recruiting.

MILITARY EQUIPMENT

21. The main increase in expenditure on the Regular Army falls, however, under the heading of equipment. Viewed from the standpoint of the variety and extent of our Imperial responsibilities, or of comparison with continental forces, our Regular Army's armament is, therefore, all the more important that its equipment and organization should be brought up to the highest standard in respect of modern warfare.

Accordingly, steps are now in active progress for the modernization of the equipment of the field artillery, infantry and all branches of the service. The progress of mechanization, involving the provision of a complete system of motor transport and of armoured vehicles of all types, is being accelerated.

The requirements of modern war demand the accumulation of immense reserves of ammunition to cover the first months before productive capacity can be increased, and the necessary arrangements for this provision are being made.

BARRACK ACCOMMODATION

22. For the time being the urgent needs of the Regular Army have to be met by the use of those of the Territorial Army. But in any survey covering a period of years account must be taken of the requirements of the latter, more especially since the training of the Territorial Army is at present severely handicapped by the lack of modern equipment.

Plans are being drawn up to remedy this situation, and steps will be taken, as soon as the supply position permits, to enable the Territorial Army to train

with the same types of weapons as those with which the Regular Army is equipped.

23. During the next few years it will be necessary to make provision in Army Estimates for heavy capital expenditure on works services in order to bring barracks accommodation up to modern standards and to provide the additional storage, workshops and buildings required for modern mechanized forces.

V

THE AIR FORCE

Largest Acquisition Of New Aerodromes

24. It was stated in the White Paper of March 1936 that the prime function of the Royal Air Force is to provide an effective deterrent to any attack upon the vital interests of this country whether at home or overseas. It may be added also that in recent years the range and performance of modern aircraft have undergone rapid development and this country has become increasingly vulnerable to air attack.

The strength of the Royal Air Force has become a matter of paramount importance, and no effort has been or is being spared to bring that Force up to the strength and standard of efficiency which His Majesty's Government deem requisite for our safety.

This aim entails both substantial expenditure on capital nature, and a large increase in recurrent costs. The programme for the Royal Air Force includes the acquisition and preparation of large numbers of new aerodromes, with the building of over 75 operational, training and other stations at home and abroad. The increase in the number of aerodromes entails corresponding additions to the capacity of training and other ancillary establishments generally.

The personnel of the Force has already risen from 31,000 in 1934 to over 50,000 in 1936, while a further large increase is contemplated in the coming financial year.

NEW AERO ENGINES

25. As regards equipment, the main requirements of the Royal Air Force consist, of course, of the very large numbers of airframes and aero-engines necessary to equip the new squadrons and to provide sufficient reserves to ensure that the first-line strength can be adequately maintained on active service.

Further, the development of new types, which is constantly proceeding, tends to result in the production of more efficient, but at the same time more costly machines.

26. Other items required by the programme of expansion include the provision of specialised equipment for aircraft stores of bombs and other munition, adequate reserves of fuel, additional motor transport and the storage accommodation required for reserves of all kinds.

27. It must be appreciated that the scale of expenditure on the maintenance of the Royal Air Force which has been incurred in the present instance of expansion was put in hand will be very largely increased to provide for the future upkeep of the Force, even when the initial expenditure on the expansion programme has been met.

VI

RESERVE FACTORY CAPACITY

Emergency Measures For Aircraft And Munitions.

28. The measures briefly referred to in the preceding paragraphs would not, however, suffice to meet the needs of the Defence Services, unless adequate preparations were made in peace time to ensure a sufficient supply of munitions and stores in times of emergency. For this reason, steps are being taken to build up what has come to be known as a "war potential."

This in the aircraft industry; over and above the expansion of the capacity of the existing aircraft firms, steps have been taken to build "shadow" aircraft factories.

These factories will be available in any emergency to provide aircraft in large quantities, and since they will be used in the first instance to supply aircraft required for the expansion scheme, the engineering firms who are co-operating in the scheme will thereby gain invaluable experience in the technique of aircraft manufacture.

29. The same principle is being adopted in regard to the supply of other types of munitions. Extensions of plant are being laid down by firms not normally engaged on the production of munitions, and the orders placed with these firms will be the double purpose of making good existing deficiencies, and of providing means for the rapid expansion of output in war time.

MUNITION FACTORIES

These extensions of capacity are being made under arrangements which ensure their retention over a period of years, after the existing orders have been completed, in a form capable of rapid turnover to munitions in the event of emergency.

30. In making plans for the industrial resources required by the Forces it is necessary to have regard to the risks of air attack. Steps have been required in various instances to ensure that sources of essential supplies are sufficiently dispersed, and in some cases a degree of duplication of essential services is necessary even at the cost of some increase in expenditure.

31. A number of new Government factories for the manufacture of explosives, and for the filling of shells and bombs, are being built or planned. These factories represent in part the removal to safer localities of existing establishments, and in part the additions required to bring capacity up to the increased needs of the three Services.

32. Steps are also being taken to see that national establishments and industries, vital to the Defence Services, are not paralysed by the shortage of certain essential raw materials. The accumulation of essential reserves for these and other purposes is in hand, and will of course involve very substantial expenditure.

The provision of adequate supplies of fuel of the types required by each of the three Services and for civilian needs, as well as their protection and replenishment in the event of war, have received special consideration.

VII

HOME DEFENCE

33. The needs of Home Defence now require a number of specific measures each of much importance.

Foremost among these is the provision of anti-aircraft defence. Two divisions of the Territorial Army have been re-formed and greatly expanded for this essential service, and further expansion is to take place during the forthcoming year.

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Intending bidders are advised that, immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th to the 25th March, 1937, both days inclusive.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 12th to 22nd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,

Hong Kong,  
1st March, 1937.

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Notice to Shareholders.

The Thirty-second Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, 23rd March, 1937, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1936.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 5th to 23rd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1937.

Mrs. Mary Barker, formerly of the Education Department, Hongkong, is arriving in Singapore on March 24 to take over the duties of Lady Assistant Protector of Chinese, in place of Miss Y. M. Langley, who will be going to Hongkong shortly for her marriage to Mr. W. T. Rowe, of Negri Sembilan, says the Singapore Free Press.

Canton To Return  
K.I.T.C. Visit

There is good reason to believe that Canton will return the visit paid recently by the Kowloon Indian Tennis Club hockey team during the Easter vacation.

The actual date is not yet settled, but negotiations are in progress. The K.I.T.C. visited Canton about a month ago and were beaten two-nil.

HOME  
FOOTBALLLATEST BATCH  
OF RESULTSSEVERAL DRAWN  
MATCHES

London, Mar. 17.  
Several matches in the English Football League and the Scottish Cup were played to-day, with the following results.

**FIRST DIVISION**  
Wolves 1 Portsmouth 1

**SECOND DIVISION**  
Newcastle 3 Notts F. 2

**THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)**  
Exeter 1 Millwall 1

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE**  
Dunfermline 1 St. Mirren 0

**SCOTTISH CUP (4TH ROUND)**  
Celtic 4 Motherwell 4

Hamilton 1 Aberdeen 2

**INTERNATIONAL TRIAL**  
(At Burnley)  
Probables 2 Possibles 0

—Reuter.

ANOTHER  
RECORD ROW  
BY OXFORD  
BUT CAMBRIDGE  
FAVOURITES

London, Mar. 17.  
In a boat-race practice to-day, Oxford rowed from Barnes Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge in 7 minutes 42 seconds despite encountering stiff headwind.

The latter part of the row was a record, the previous best being 7 minutes 45 seconds accomplished by the Oxford crew in 1933.

The Oxford eight to-day moved like a train, but the Cambridge President afterwards told Reuter that he thinks Cambridge remain strong favourites to win next Wednesday.—Reuter.

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If present plans mature, hundreds of acorns from the famous Windsor Great Park will be planted in Hongkong during Coronation week, to commemorate the eighty British oak trees the Coronation of King George VI.

These acorns are actually being distributed to the entire Empire, including Hongkong.

They have been collected by the British Automobile Association in conjunction with the Roads Beautifying Association, and may be had free of all cost, by any person applying for them.

The Hongkong Botanical and Forestry Department is understood to have applied for several hundred of these acorns.

At the same time, there is nothing to prevent private individuals from applying for and planting acorns on their property.

"Oak grow well in Hongkong and we have several already planted here," a Botanical and Forestry Department official told the Telegraph.

SIR J. CURRIE  
PASSES ON

London, Mar. 17.  
The death has occurred of Sir James Currie, K.C.M.G., who has been Director of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation since 1922.

Sir James was also Chairman of the Governing Body of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad. During the Great War, he was Director of Training of Munition Workers in the Labour Supply Department of the Ministry of Munitions, and from 1919 to 1921 was Controller of the Industrial Training Department at the Ministry of Labour.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

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CANTON (M.M.) B.A.

CANTON MARU (O.S.K.), O.S.K.

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CATHAY (B. I.), Kowloon Wharf.

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mat.

DAVIKEN (Jardine's), Yau-mat.

DAH PU (We Fat Sing), C.I.

EMPRESS OF CANADA (C.P.S.),

Kowloon Wharf.

FORAFRIC (Williamson &amp; Co.),

Yau-mat.

HAIHANG (Douglas), B.12.

HONGONE MARU (N.Y.K.), Kowloon

Wharf.

HALVDAN (Thoresen), B.10.

HELIKON (We Fat Sing), B.D.

HONGMARU (M.B.K.), Tai-ko Dock

ISHIMARU (M.B.K.), B.20.

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ARRIVED YESTERDAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

BUENOS AIRES MARU (O.S.K.) from

Japan, 1.30 p.m., A.3. 28001.

CANTON (M.M.) from Hongkong,

a.m. 20061.

EMPRESS OF CANADA (C.P.S.) from

Manila, 7 a.m., Kowloon Wharf, 20762.

KANGYUAN (B. &amp; S.) from Hilo,

3 p.m., West Point, 30331.

PROFESSOR (J.C.J.L.) from Java,

9 a.m., 28015.

TAI SHAN (Dodwell's) from Manila,

p.m. 28011.

TINEGARA (J.C.J.L.) from Straits,

noon, A.2. 28015.

YATSHING (Jardine's), from Canton,

11 a.m., B.8. 30311.

SAILED YESTERDAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

ATTILA (Texas Company) for Los

Angeles, 4 p.m., Tsun Wan.

AYMERIE (Bank Line) for Ocean

Island, 10 a.m., Kowloon Dock.

FUKUKEN MARU (O.S.K.) for Amoy,

10 a.m., West Point, 28001.

HELIOS (Thoresen) for Bangkok,

noon, B.9. 30337.

KANGSU (B. &amp; S.) for Bangkok, 3

p.m., West Point, B.10. 30331.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND (Dollar)

for Manila, 6 p.m., Kowloon Wharf,

28171.

PRESIDENT MONROE (Dollar) for

Europe, noon, Kowloon Wharf, 28171.

SOOCHOW (B. &amp; S.) for Shanghai,

noon, West Point, B.14. 30331.

TANUN (B. &amp; S.) for Amoy, 5 p.m.,

West Point, 30331.

VAN HEUTZ (J.C.J.L.) for Penang,

6 a.m., A.8. 28015.

ARRIVING TO-DAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

CATHAY (B. I.) from Europe, 6 a.m.,

Kowloon Wharf, 27721.

DAVIKEN (Jardine's) from Canton,

11 a.m., B.8. 30331.

KANCHOW (B. &amp; S.) from Canton,

a.m., West Point, 30331.

KINAI MARU (O.S.K.), from Japan,

a.m., West Point, 30331.

YATSHING (Jardine's) from Amoy,

a.m., West Point, 30331.

KWANGTUNG (B. &amp; S.) from Shang-

hai, West Point, 30331.

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Only in the British Empire was

actual freedom of the press enjoyed,

declared Mr. A. E. Pratt, Editor of

the Hongkong Daily Press, when he

delivered a fireside talk on "The

Press and Public Opinion" at the

European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, last

night.

While it demanded its freedom to

its utmost limits, declared Mr. Pratt,

the British press also observed the

responsibility that the British press

enjoys in Britain at the close of last

year. No press in the world at that

time was more free to discuss the

domestic arrangements of the

Monarch, but that privilege was not

abused.

I think it may be fairly contended,

said Mr. Pratt, that the British press

as a whole offers an example of good

taste and incorruptibility to the

world, which manifests in no mean

manner that the phrase "British fair

play" is a definite factor in moulding

the national character.

All the public in any instance con-

sidered that this great power of the

press is over being abused, then it

has in its hands the most devastating

remedy—withdrawal of patronage.

Consequently one is entitled to argue

that while a newspaper receives the

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significant that its influence upon an

intelligent democracy is increasing.

## SAILING TO-DAY

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

BUENOS AIRES MARU (O.S.K.) for

Buenos Aires, 4 p.m., O.S.K. Wharf.

DAVIKEN (Jardine's) for Shanghai,

4 p.m., B.2. 30311.

NANCHANG (B. &amp; S.) for Chefoo, 10

p.m., West Point, 30331.

MUNAM (B. &amp; S.) for Singapore, 11

a.m., West Point, 30331.

SARDHANA (B. I.) for Japan, 6 a.m.,

Kowloon Wharf, 27721.

ARRIVING TO-MORROW

(Agents Phone Numbers Given)

ANHUI (B. &amp; S.) from Amoy, West

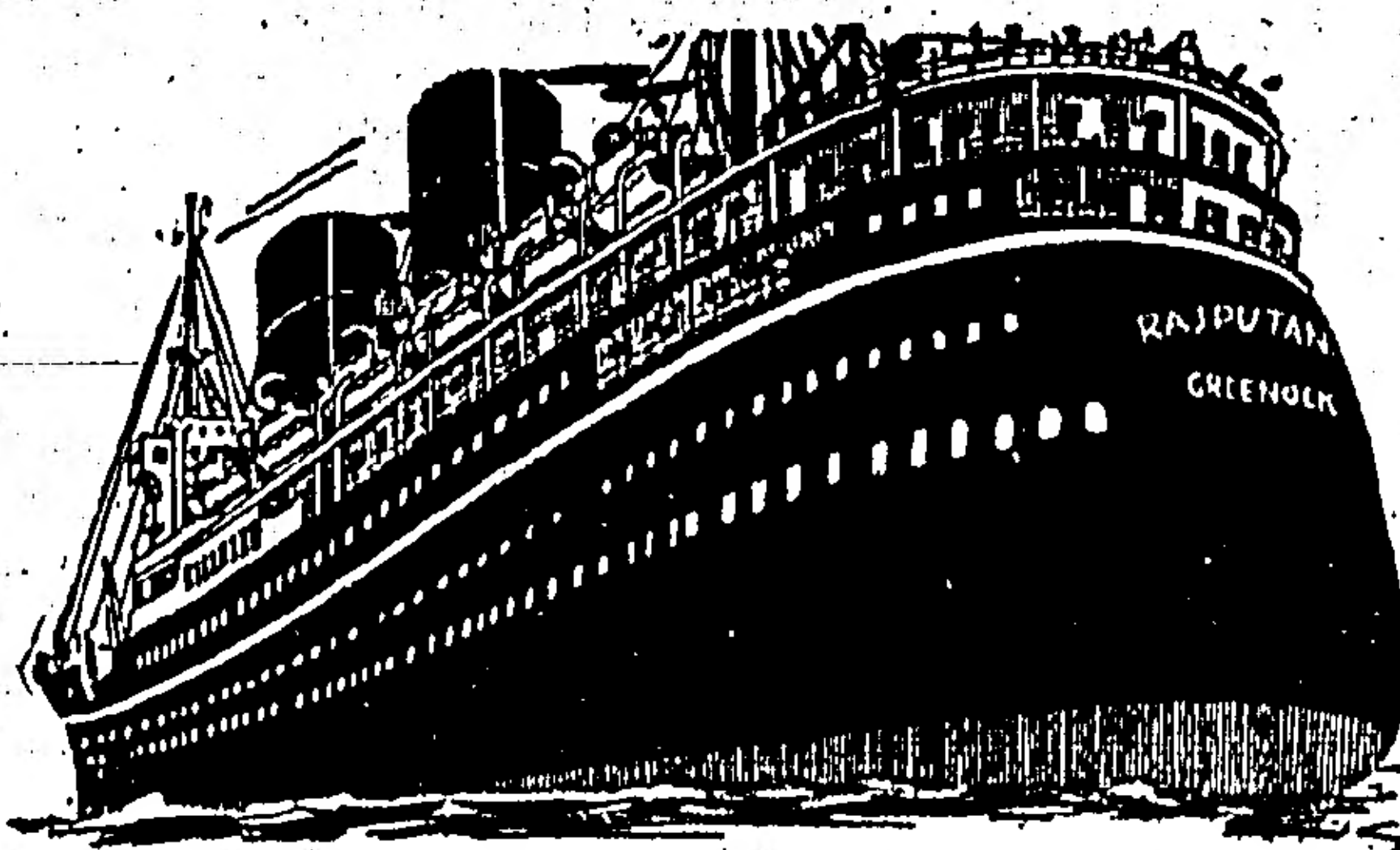
Point, 30331.

CATHAY (B. I.) from Shanghai, 7

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### ARE THE "HIGHERS" WORTH WHILE?

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rather spoils one's general education, since, in order to obtain it, a certain amount of specialisation is very often necessary.

Not only pupils and parents but employers too are at fault in fostering this wicked system of examinations. One frequently sees advertisements for youths and maidens, who "must have Leaving Certificate." Which proves, of course, that employers do not fully understand what the certificate is, since it may contain passes in subjects quite irrelevant to the job in question. If the advertisement stated, "Must have L.C. in Spanish, dynamics, mathematics, and Gaelic," then the applicant would know where he was—in two languages and several dimensions!

### Sacrifice of the Majority

But this is purely destructive criticism. Let us seek the remedy. If the Leaving Certificate is not what it is supposed to be and serves no purpose—except as a substitute for the University Preliminary Examination—what is to take its place?

If we must, as I fear, have examinations, then for goodness sake let them be of a sane and more useful nature. How many of us ever have to translate a description of the setting sun into French after we leave school? How many ever need to know by heart all the rivers (if any) in Mexico? Or the dates of Aboukir, Agadir, and Ajamemnon? If we need to know them, we look them up like intelligent humans, and enjoy doing it, because we do it for pleasure and not just to pass the "Highers."

That is my main point—that the "Highers" destroy any real love of learning in many pupils, and, because of failure, produce a feeling of inferiority in others. Let the new certificate consist of a detailed report from the headmaster and founded on the pupil's work over several years. The new examinations could take the form of essays in many subjects. In them the pupil would have the chance of expressing himself in his own way, and could show the results of his studies quite as well as in the present form of torture.

At present secondary education is for the prospective student and not for the average boy and girl. We need both, but there is no reason why the majority should suffer for the minority. And the worry of the "Highers" does mean suffering to many. Is it worth while?

### NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

#### MARKET HIGHER YESTERDAY

New York, Mar. 17.  
S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's market: The market today was irregularly higher, led by rails, the buying of which followed on an agreement on a pension plan, which it is estimated will save the railroads \$50,000,000 yearly. Southern Pacific, Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, Illinois Central and Missouri Pacific reached new highs. Steels were higher, but early turned irregular. United States steel showed small gains, while Bethlehem steel was lower. Some utilities showed small gains on a basis of reported foreign buying. The decline in the price of lead weakened American smelting, but other non-ferrous shares were steady. Bonds were lower, while curb stocks were irregularly higher.

S. C. & F. Wall Street Journal Morning Comment:—Rubber shares are still prime favourites, based on rumours of first quarter earnings. The Street is pleased that Governor Eccles' statement contained no hint of higher margins. There was some buying of sugar producing shares. There was some foreign buying of Baltimore & Ohio railroad shares. The Street hears that there is a fair-sized pocket interest in General Motors and Chrysler shares. Brokers believe that coppers and steels will regain their

### RADIO BROADCAST

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St. Louis Blues....The Four Crochets.  
10.30. Dance Music.  
Fox-Trot—Yankee Doodle never went to Town; Fox-Trot—Stop! Look and Listen; Fox-Trot. Intermezzo—Quivering Quavers; Slow Fox-Trot—Dance of the Giggly; Slow Fox-Trot—Nightfall; Fox-Trot—Way down yonder in New Orleans; Fox-Trot—'I've got the world on a string; Fox-Trot—Mood Indigo; Fox-Trot—Take my heart; Waltz—Stars in my eyes.  
11 p.m. Close Down.

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4 p.m. Big Ben. The Lincolnshire Handicap.  
4.22 p.m. "The World's News."  
5 p.m. "Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest.  
5.20 p.m. An Organ Recital by Maurice Lindon, from the Concert Hall, Daventry House.  
5.40 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 5.45 p.m.  
Transmission 2  
(G.S.D., G.S.F., G.S.H.)  
7 p.m. Big Ben. Variations in Syncope. Recital by the Daventry Orchestra.  
7.30 p.m. "John Loder at Home"—11.  
8 p.m. A Short Violoncello Recital by Marjorie Alexana.  
8.15 p.m. The Trocadero Cinema Orchestra.  
8.55 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.15 p.m.  
9.15 p.m. Brass Band Music.  
9.33 p.m. "Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest.  
Transmission 3  
(G.S.D., G.S.F., G.S.H.)  
10 p.m. Big Ben. The B.B.C. Theatre Organ.  
10.15 p.m. "Scrapbook for 1937." Presentation of the Daventry Orchestra, conducted by Mark L. Lubbock.  
11.15 p.m. The Central Band of His Majesty's Royal Air Force.  
12 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 a.m.  
12.50 a.m. Dance Music.

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S. C. & F. New York office cables: Stocks: The market today was irregular, the earlier undertone being reflected in the weakness of Government bonds.

Cotton: Inflation talk continues, but there is an increasing tendency to anticipate recedings, causing a more two-sided market. The strength of distant positions, reflects the anticipated new crop demand due to large forward textile sales. The labour situation is very unsettled. Out of 12 leading brokers, 10 are bullish and 2 are neutral.

Wheat: There are unconfirmed reports of possible restriction of Argentine wheat exports. Argentine shippers are reported to be re-buying contracts. England and the United Kingdom bought Argentine wheat to-day. The Government weekly crop report is favourable. There was a late easiness on profit-taking.  
Corn: There was little change in the supply and demand situation, but the early opening of navigation is expected to release the Argentine corn now in Canadian ports.  
Rubber: Singapore reports that there is little prospect of Malaya producing a 90 per cent. quota immediately. Early relief in the London and New York security is improbable. The market is nervous and irregular.

### REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages:  
1936-37  
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30 Industrials 185.59 65.31 188.50  
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New York Cotton		
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May	14.40/41	14.28/29
July	14.23/25	14.17/18
October	13.50/51	13.55/57
December	13.50/50	13.50/50
January	13.50/51	13.51/51
Spot	15.00	14.88

New York Rubber		
March	24.00n	25.00 n
May	25.03/03	25.08/08
July	25.15/15	25.10/18
September	25.10/18	25.17/19
December	25.10/18	25.22/22
Total sales	—4,920 tons.	

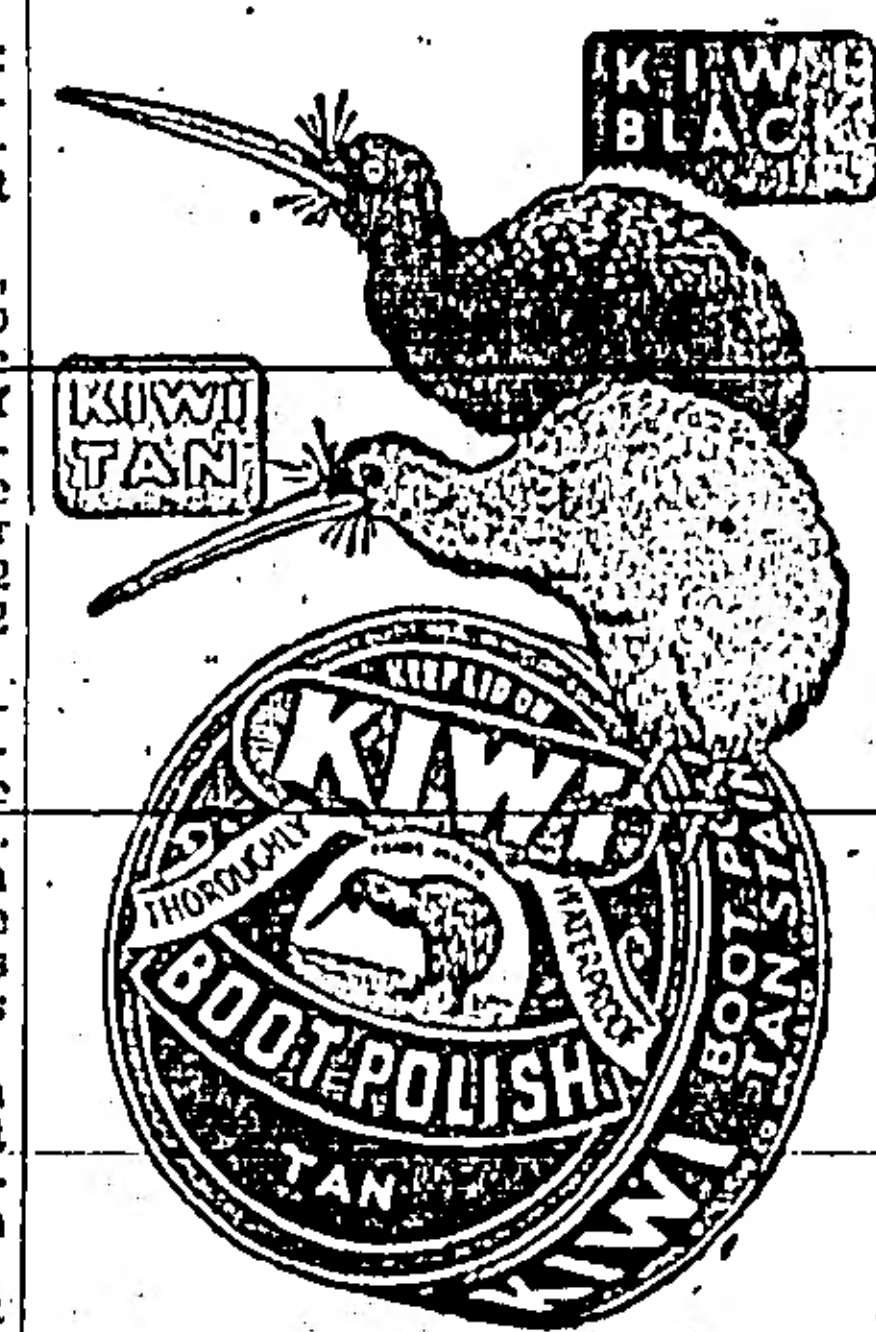
Chicago Wheat		
May	137 1/2	137 1/2 138 1/2
July	122 1/2	122 1/2 124 1/2
Sept.	120 1/2	121 1/2 123 1/2
Tuesday's sales	—41,165,000 bushels	

Chicago Corn		
May	100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2
July	100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2
Sept.	100 1/2	100 1/2 100 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat		
May	134 1/2	134 1/2 136 1/2
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Oct.	121 1/2	123 1/2 124 1/2

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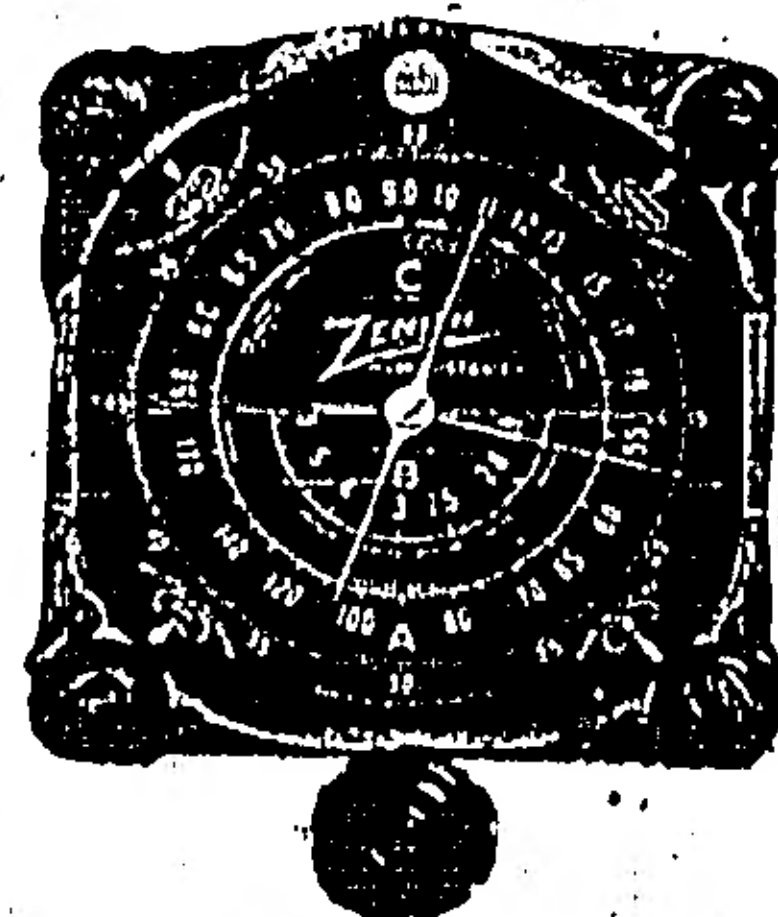


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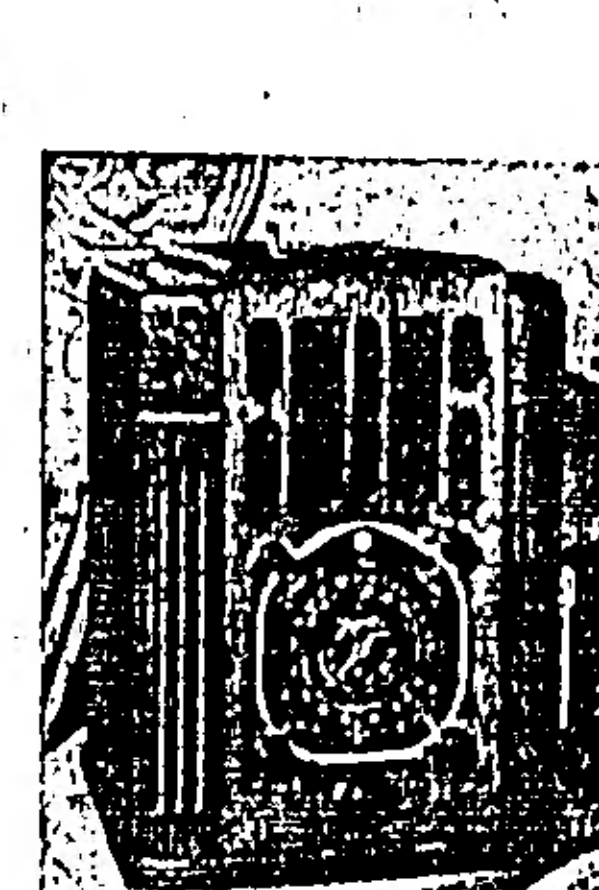
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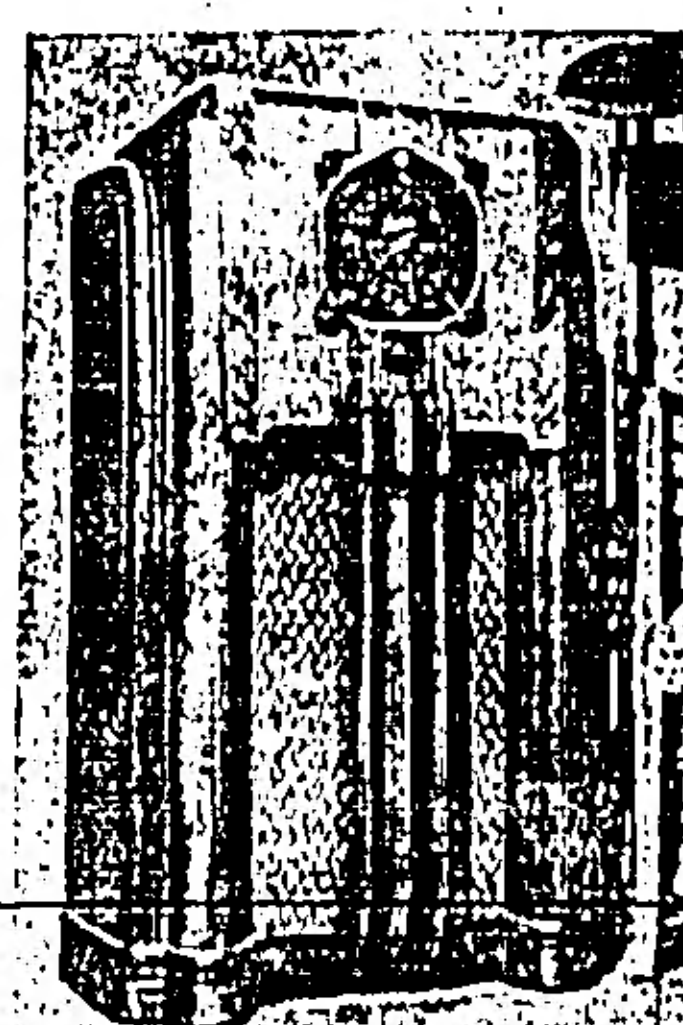
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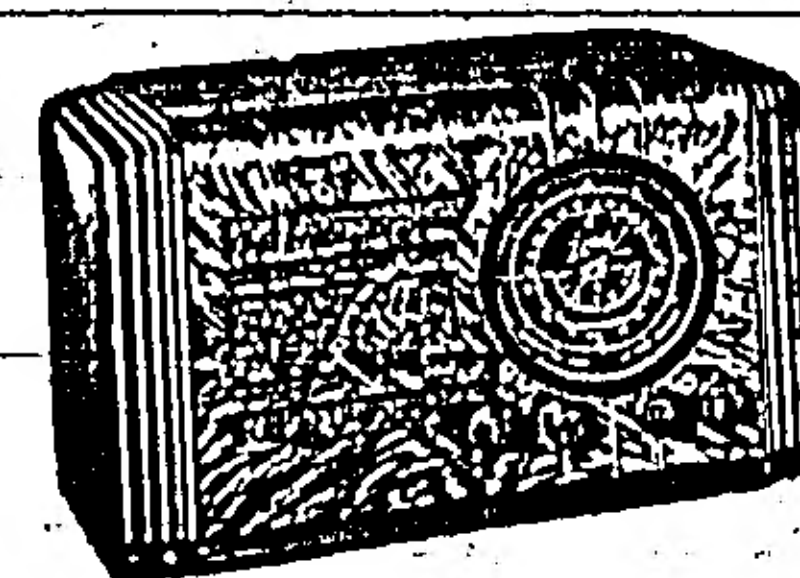
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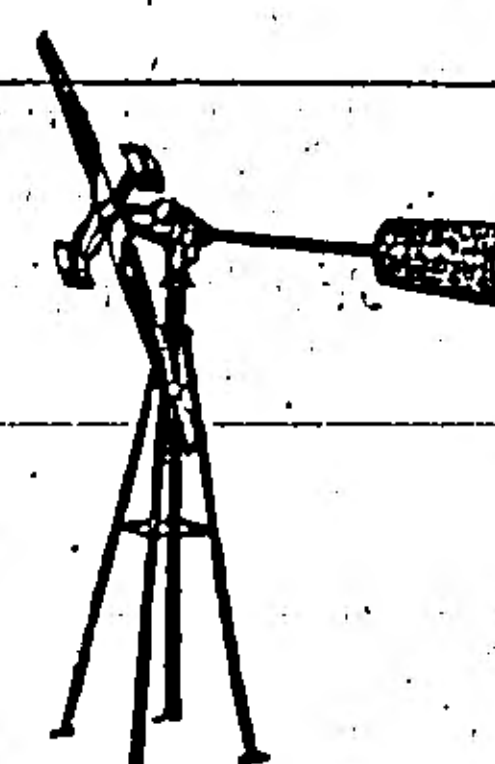
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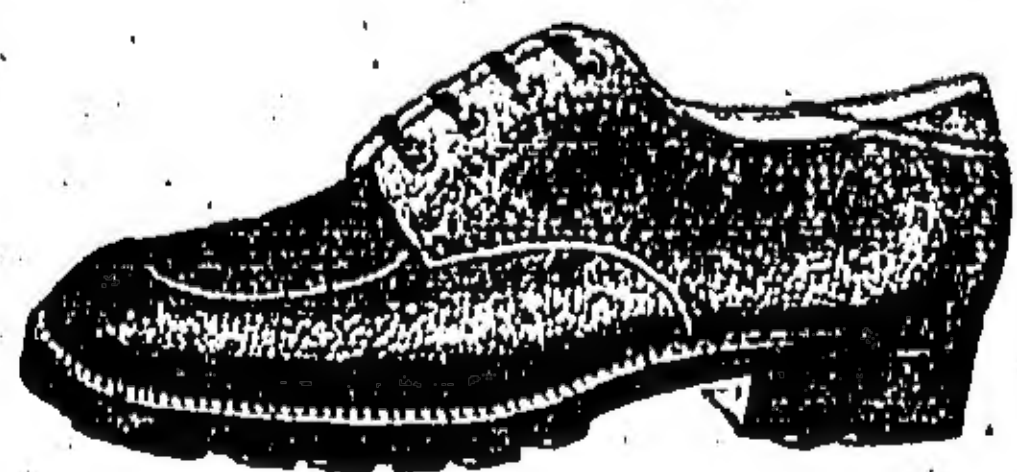
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### THE PASSING OF A STATESMAN

Britons everywhere, whatever their political views, will have learned with the deepest regret of the sudden passing of Sir Austen Chamberlain, noted son of a noted father. Politicians who had been accustomed to seeing his spruce figure and hearing his vibrant eloquence in the House of Commons in recent years found it difficult to realize that he had passed the allotted span of three score years and ten. Next to Mr. Lloyd George, the "Father" of the House, Sir Austen had been in Parliament longer than any other member, having been first elected over forty years ago. He was always the traditional "House of Commons man," and his fine Parliamentary gifts, his dignified bearing, and his unruffled courtesy won him the highest respect of all parties. There was a visible reminder of the elder Chamberlain, his father, in Sir Austen, who sat, as his parent did, with a monocle screwed into one eye, his hat tipped back and his legs stretched out. Sir Austen and his single eyeglass seemed never parted, no more so than his father and his monocle. There were other physical resemblances, though politically father and son travelled along somewhat different roads. Sir Austen's death will not mean, so long as his half-brother, Neville, is on the political scene, a severance of the last link in the House with his father. Neville Chamberlain, now Chancellor of the Exchequer, and a certainty as the next Prime Minister, is well on the way to seventy, but he is a man of marked virility, in spite of his years, and it was his ascendancy in the last few years that marked Sir Austen's withdrawal to the political background. It is in the sphere of foreign affairs that Sir Austen made his greatest mark, and Locarno will ever be associated with his name. Unhappily, at the moment the conclusion of a new accord to replace the treaty which Germany denounced seems beset with obstacles. In the past few years, Sir Austen displayed a rather more mellow outlook on politics than when he held office. He focused public attention on the slim clearance problem by some remarkably eloquent and moving appeals for the "under-dog" liv-

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HAS it occurred to you that it is not easy to select another place in which to live if for any odd reason you were thrown out of the one you like best?

I AM acquainted with most of the big places of the earth, and in quite a number I have friends who would offer a welcome. But which to pick on to pass the years that are left to me—there was the problem.

IN the end I made a list of the towns and cities I felt were qualified to provide me with the things I regarded as common-places in Hongkong. Trimmed, it contained these names: New York, Montreal, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Hamilton (Bermuda), Chicago, Colombo (Ceylon), Paris, Marseilles, Capetown, Salt Lake City, Le Touquet, Nice, Geneva, San Francisco, Reno, Rome, Copenhagen, Brussels, Berlin, Cologne, Naples, Moscow, Quebec, Kingston (Jamaica), Monte Carlo, Palma (Majorca), Madeira, Barcelona, Jersey, Detroit, Johannesburg, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Boston, Toronto.

THERE were over 20 more that did not pass the fairly high standard I had set. But 35 was enough to go on with, enough, indeed, even for an exile.

First to be struck out were Rome, Moscow, and Berlin, in that order. I have no wish to spend a moment in dictator-ruled countries, and as I am unable to discern much difference (particularly so far as liberty of the subject is concerned) between Fascism and Communism I counted Moscow with Rome and Berlin, and marked them out. I would hate to be one of three, and be left wondering whether the third member of the company was a spy.

EQUALLY I would hate to have my movements ordered, my enthusiasm curtailed to cheers for a person who had decreed I should raise them, and my identity sunk in a comic coloured shirt.

There are lovely regions in Rome and in Berlin and Moscow. But they would not suit me. I want no part of them. Mussolini and Hitler and Stalin can have the lot. When I vote I will vote as I wish to, not at the ring of a bell, or the unfurling of a flag, or the booming of a gun.

Le Touquet intrigued for a while, chiefly because I could always remember that if my sentence were lifted any of my airport pals could run me home in about 20 minutes, and also because at certain seasons it is merely a part of Kensington, Surbiton, Westminster, Brixton, and Hampstead. But the resident hotel-keepers and tradesmen have the same trick of

ling in the squalid hovels of Birmingham and other great cities. Latterly, he declared that he was never happy with the name "Conservative." His unexpected death removes one of the finest types of Parliamentarians, one who was in every sense representative of the best in British political life.

by  
**TREVOR  
WIGNALL**

gouging, and of discovering with one glance the exact contents of a money packet, that was invented before they were put into long trousers by their fellows of Nice, Monte Carlo, Cannes, and other places on the French and Italian Riviera.

WITH the disappearance of Le Touquet went several others, but then my thoughts dwelt for a time on Colombo. Nice people there, and particularly the Sinhalesses. It can be a bit trying when the heat is properly on, but there is much friendliness and very considerable hospitality.

But then I recalled the native quarters and the smells they exude, the resentment of the British (that is never very palpable, but that is definitely just below the surface). The rains, the winds, and the loss of caste

## HOLLYWOOD: A City Of Make-Believe

THOSE of us who are sometimes engaged in the film industry in this country, and are prone, as when occasion arises, to give vent to comparison between the technique of Hollywood, may at least console ourselves with the thought that, up to the moment, our own film business has been, untrammelled with the tragedies which every little while splash across the page of American film history.

The tragedy of Marie Prevost reported recently, focused attention once again on the ill-luck that seems to dog the foot-steps of those on whom Fortune once smiled. Too many people have started in the celluloid city with nothing but dreams and aspirations. Too many of them, over-publicised, their names strung in electric lights throughout the cities of the world, have faced the day when, deserted by their friends, workless, and with no prospect except that of a lucky job as a waitress or a stenographer, they have realised that Hollywood is a city of tragedy as well as fame.

### The Bubble Reputation

During the last fifteen years one after another a list of famous stars have come into the news. Each story has been one of hard luck, no money, no friends, and one may be forgiven for wondering whether the game is really worth the candle for the unfortunate people who, having tasted a little of the sweets of life, must perforce sink back into anonymity, and must see pass before them in the very place which has given them fame the faces of the newcomers who have stepped into their shoes.

I believe that a great deal of the drama of Hollywood is due to the publicity which blazes forth the charms, the prowess, or the sex-attraction of a new star. Worth is not regarded as being so valuable as noise.

A great actress—renowned on the stages of the world, with a lifetime and experience of work behind her—can count less than an inexperienced and often not-too-good young actress who, having succeeded in one part, is taken up by a director and "put over" by the publicity department, which extols every virtue and extends every professional attraction.

We have read in the Press of the immense salaries paid to leading artists in the film city. Sometimes we may have also read of the fact that these great salaries are not always so valuable; that the standard of living expected of a star, or even a "starlet," is such that saving is often impossible. A short time ago we were told that some actors and actresses "earn" as much as \$200 a week, during the time they worked

that can be occasioned if the white mixes too freely with the Sinhalesses, even though the latter be of high birth.

I remembered just in time that a number of telegraph operators at Aden once told me they were not received by the other whites because they were regarded as workmen. As I could not stand the snobbery of the East for more than a day, my pen went through Colombo.

I LINGERED long with Bermuda. Once I was stationed on the hill at Prospect, where the main barracks are built, and there were night, gazing over the moon-washed sea, when I wondered why anything so painfully lovely had been created Bermudians, in the main, are steadfastly British, and a finer crowd I never hope to meet—but there is a prevailing wind that is hard on a wonky chest, hurricanes that can uproot trees, and a feeling of constant slight dampness that is not entirely pleasant. Bermuda got about 98 per cent. from me, but the remaining 2 per cent. was so important that again I had to look elsewhere.

on three pictures a year, were "hard up" and found it difficult to make ends meet.

The question as to whether the price demanded of the film famous is worth while is one that must take a great deal of consideration.

### After Ten Years

There seems to be a similarity between the life of a song and the life of a film star. Once upon a time popular songs were known, sung and bought for years. To-day the life of a popular number is as ephemeral as a passing cloud. The life of a film star, often dependent upon the amount of world publicity put out by the department, seems as long in comparison as that of a jazz number, and if we cast our minds back to the stars of, say, ten years ago, we may well ask ourselves where they have gone, and what they are doing.

The lesson of Hollywood seems to be that life can be tough. The film star, in his or her heyday, may be able to "give it," but he or she will do well to remember that one day Nemesis will call, and the darling of the film world, will in due course have to learn to "take it"—on the chin.

## Are The "Highers" Worth While?

By A SCHOOLMASTER

THE "Highers" are upon us once again. Pupils, parents, and teachers can think of little else. Pupils, overburdened with work and a sense of their own shortcomings, are struggling hard to make good their deficiencies. Parents are worried about their children's health and success. Teachers are growing uneasy about the results of their hard and thankless task.

The reasons for all this worry? The scholar and his parents have somehow become convinced that the Leaving Certificate is the sole object in his education. It is the hall-mark of the secondary school pupil and the passport which allows him to embark on his journey through life. At least they think it is.

After several years of teaching for the "Highers" I am more than ever convinced of the futility of the whole business—unless the pupil intends to go on to the University. The Leaving Certificate is not a passport to life but to the University—and parents ought to be told so. It

San Francisco. Great difficulty now. Market St. and its busy life and laughter. The Golden Gate. Chinatown and its fascinations. It is cool enough on a summer's day in 'Frisco to need a light overcoat, and there are sufficient fogs to bring Hongkong right to one's nose. The dead Barbary coast provides for the thoughts enough romance to last a lifetime, and within easy reach there are places to go to that are guaranteed cures for ennui.

I COMPARED San Francisco with New York, Chicago, Toronto, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Halifax, but still 'Frisco won. The only town that threatened to nose it out was New York. I have so many friends there, and I know it so well. My brain was juggling with the two when flashes came of Quebec and Salt Lake City.

Both were immediately well in the running, but for differing reasons. Quebec has nearly everything—the switchback hills of San Francisco, the waterfront that is even better to watch than Battery Point, churches that have few equals, and a quaint atmosphere that deserves to be preserved in a bottle. Salt Lake City is not an oil painting, but I like the way it is conducted, I like the theories of the Mormons and their Church, and I like best of all the vast lake so filled with salt that it is impossible to sink.

Just at this stage I heard that I had but three more minutes to make up my mind, but that the judge, recognising my extremity, had varied the sentence by stating that I could pick six towns or cities for my exile, but that it was essential I should place them in one-two-three order. With sighs, I wrote them down thus: 1, San Francisco; 2, Salt Lake City; 3, Quebec; 4, New York; 5, Le Touquet; 6, Bermuda.

The technique of Hollywood, that of continuously producing something new, of not allowing the public to make its own stars, of thrusting new stars upon a world which is becoming slightly bored with the everlasting stories of a "new find" whose charm and art will surpass that of anyone who has ever gone before, may be very good for the finances of the film companies, but it does not seem so good for the stars—it was not so good for poor Marie Prevost. And it seems to me that one day—and perhaps sooner than some of us think—the directors of Hollywood must pause for a moment in their hurried search for new talent, and wonder whether, in the long run, too much publicity and too much drum-beating will not eventually defeat themselves; whether a "publicity sick" world will not decide that it will select its own stars and its own favourites—on merit.

The story of Marie Prevost is the story of Hollywood. She was glamorous, popular, famous. She had everything. Her pictures had delighted audiences throughout the world. She had brought pleasure and amusement to a million people. And she died because she could not get a job.

Jasper Maskelyne

### A Strange Mixture

The latest tendency seems to be to make the coveted certificate more easily obtainable and consequently more useless. The number of subjects necessary appears to have been reduced, and it is now possible to gain a certificate with a queer assortment of "Higher" and "Lower" knowledge—a mixture of chemistry and classics, of art and German geography and Greek, dynamics and domestic science. It is indeed difficult to imagine what trade or profession requires a knowledge of such widely divergent subjects as Greek and domestic science.

If, however, the aim of a secondary school should be to provide a general education, such combinations would, and should, exist. But why pretend that it is impossible to have a good education without a Leaving Certificate? The Leaving Certificate (Continued on Page 5.)



# AUSTRALIA AS SURPLUS PEOPLE

## QUESTIONS IN DIET ON POSITION OF PROBLEM

### Matter To Be Included In Treaty Negotiations

CONSIDERABLE alarm has been caused in the Netherlands Indies by Japan's supposed designs of eventual conquest, her plan of peaceful penetration having been checkmated. This has now had its repercussions in Japan, where a suggestion has been made in the Lower House that Japan should negotiate a non-aggression pact with Holland, at the same time proposing to lease a portion of the Dutch Far Eastern Dominions.

Of greater immediate interest and importance to Britain is the question of Japanese immigration to Australia, which has again been raised in the Diet. From the Premier's reply it is evident that, far from being abandoned, this idea is still prominent and it is hoped that a satisfactory arrangement with Australia may eventually be reached.

Tokyo, Feb. 28.

In the Lower House, the conclusion of a non-aggression pact with the Netherlands was to-day suggested and also that Japan should approach Netherlands for permission to lease Dutch New Guinea.

The Premier replied that the matter will be studied, adding that Japan had no territorial ambitions in the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Sakurai questioned the position of the Japanese immigration problem with Australia and then asked why the Japanese Government did not display the same coolness in dealing with Anglo-Japanese relations as Great Britain.

The Premier replied that Japan wishes to settle the immigration problem when it concludes the treaty with Australia in the near future and added that it was very urgent to promote friendly Anglo-Japanese relations through a deepening of mutual understanding, in which connection the most important thing was to let Great Britain understand Japan's position in East Asia.—Reuter

### Netherlands Indies Suspicious

Though some men in Java dismiss the possibility of an invasion in parts of Netherlands India, there are more who believe that in time an attempt might be made to take a small part of New Guinea or Borneo, says the Special Correspondent in Java of a London Journal. They believe that the expedition might be too small to provoke Great Britain or some other great power into retaliation, and that the Dutch would have to solve the matter by themselves.

This is the "impudent trick" possibly referred to by the former Governor-General, Jonkheer de Jonge, in an interview given in Holland recently. The Jonkheer spoke of a "deed of aggression in order to intimidate." We must be on the alert, and besides we must be a valuable support to an eventual ally.

The last part of this remark goes to show that the former Governor-General agrees with those who say that history teaches that nations which are not active in defence on their own behalf are not considered when a peace is signed, even if they are on the winning side.

## Duelling Doctor Fights For 1½ Hours

Budapest, Mar. 1. DR. FRANCIS SARGA, "the duelling doctor," who issued a dozen challenges in connection with his marriage to a beautiful Hungarian society girl, fought a sabre duel for one and a half hours with a former sailor of his wife in a fencing school in Budapest to-day.

Dr. Sarga's opponent was a bank official, Vitez de Vasonyi.

In the seventh round Sarga, giving one of his gorilla-like war cries, jumped in to attack and side-stepping his opponent, pierced him on the left hip inflicting a fairly serious wound.

In the fourteenth round Vasonyi fractured his knee and the duel was stopped by the doctor owing to his great exhaustion.

Dr. Sarga is to fight two more duels this week.—Reuter.

# OUTLET FOR JAPAN'S

Four Fair Empress Passengers  
On Cruise Around World



Miss Margarita Martin of Paris, Lady Patricia Wellesley, Mrs. Paul Goodridge of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mrs. Alejandro Falls of Havana, Cuba, aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain on which they are circling the globe. They arrive in Hongkong on Monday.

## POVERTY IN THE NAVY

### Officers Cannot Afford To Marry

London, Feb. 24.

A QUESTION which Rear-Admiral Sir Murray Sueter is to ask the First Lord of the Admiralty on Wednesday on the subject of marriage allowances for naval officers reflects the opinion of many members of Parliament on both sides of the House.

He is to ask the First Lord whether he is aware of the recent decision to grant marriage allowances to officers of the Royal Indian Navy, and whether, in view of the improved financial position of the country and the increasing expenses of young married naval officers, he will provide in the estimates for a marriage allowance for naval officers, and so redress a long-standing grievance.

Recent correspondence in the Press has disclosed that this grievance, long patiently borne, has been treated officially with so much indifference that it is now a cause of grave dissatisfaction, amounting to resentment, in all naval circles outside the Admiralty.

The naval officers have what appears to be an unanswerable case. HIS PAY NOT ENOUGH

The War Office and the Air Ministry assist the marriages of private soldiers and airmen at 26 and of officers at 30. Last September the Admiralty increased the allowance to married naval ratings from 7s. to 10s. a week. The naval officer is ignored.

The consequence is that a naval officer reaching the rank of lieutenant-commander soon after 30 cannot marry with any prudence upon his pay. If he does marry, or has no private means, it is pointed out that he must throw upon his wife the whole burden of financial stringency and force upon her the most rigorous birth control.

### AIR FORCE BETTER OFF

The anomaly of his position is shown in the fact that when a squadron leader of the Air Force, stated in King's Regulations to hold the same relative rank as the lieutenant-commander, is posted to one of His Majesty's ships (Air Regulation 3234) and thereby "separated from his family" he receives a consolidated marriage allowance of £138 17s. 6d. a year, whereas the lieutenant-commander is entitled to no marriage allowance though his basic pay is inferior to the squadron leader's by £60 18s. 4d.

The naval officer is at a great disadvantage compared with his wife and family or the other two Services.

He is subject to sudden and frequent moves from place to place; and it is not uncommonly happens that when he has gone to the expense of arranging for his family to join him at one station he is then appointed to another.

WITHOUT REASON OR JUSTICE

In any case, if he is moved to a foreign station, he must provide the passage money for his wife and family or remain away from them for long periods.

There appears to be neither reason nor justice in holding from the naval officer sacrifices not imposed upon his opposite number in the other Services.

It is understood that the First Lord of the Admiralty has been impressed with the arguments put before him in favour of the marriage allowance. But the fear is expressed that he may be induced to postpone action indefinitely on the ground that the heavy national expenditure on armaments makes the moment inopportune.

Seeing that the contentment and goodwill of the officer personnel of the Navy must be regarded as a vital asset in any large defence scheme, such a plea cannot be regarded as convincing. A. J. C.

## PARIS BACHELOR FINDS MARRIAGE RECORDED IN '17

Paris, Mar. 5. Confirmed bachelors are not a rarity in the world, but a confirmed bachelor who has been married for 10 years without knowing anything about it, is. This exclusive honour is claimed by Jean Grare of Paris.

Grare discovered this state of affairs when he decided to renew his identity papers and visited his local city hall. There he found to his amazement that he had married a woman named Augustine Deduait on June 12, 1917. Grare earnestly protested his innocence and proved his case by showing papers that he had been confined in a military hospital from a battle wound on the date registered.

Further explanation provided at the town hall showed that Grare had lost his identity papers in a violent attack in September, 1917. It is presumed that some fellow-soldier used these papers to carry through an illegal marriage.

Grare states that in his 19 years of "marriage" he has never seen his "wife." Moreover, he says, he will refuse to see her if she tries to visit him, for he insists on remaining a bachelor for the rest of his life.—United Press.

## RADIO BROADCAST

Children's Concert From The Studio

### VARIED SYNCOPATION

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.L.W. on wavelengths of 355 metres (840 k.c.s.), 31.48 metres (9.52 m.c.s.). 5-8 p.m. European Programme. 5 p.m. A Relay of Dance Music from the Roof-Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

6 p.m. From the Studio. A Children's Concert. 6.30 A Concert. Violin Solo—"Carmen"—Fantasy (Bizet, arr. Sarasate)... Efreim Zimbalist; Soprano Solos—Before I found you (Istvan-Rameau), Was it your smile? (Alexander-Stollberg)... Maria Eggerth; Bass-Baritone Solos—Hybrid, the Crehan (Gillott)... four to six (Pinsuti)... Peter Dawson; Violin and Piano—Mr. Isaac's Midget (Arr. Sharp)... Elsie Avril & Everal de Jersey; Soprano Solo—Voices of Spring—Waltz Song (J. Strauss—Genée—Grothe)... Maria Eggerth.

7 p.m. London—Big Ben Variations in Syncopation by the Borelli Trio and Herschel Henlere (Canadian Pianist). 7.30. Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35. New Light Symphony Orchestra with Herbert E. Grah (Tenor). Orchestra—Poet and Peasant—Overture (Suppe); Tenor Solo—Heldenreise (Goethe and Werner); Orchestra—Glow Worm Idyll (Lincke); Tenor Solo—For you alone (Goethe-Hubel); Orchestra—Salut d'Amour (Elgar); Tenor Solo—Only for you—Waltz Song (Doelle-Amberg).

8 p.m. Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.03. From the Studio. A Chinese Concert. 11 p.m. Close Down.

8.05-11 p.m. European Programme from Z.E.K. On a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles. 8.05 p.m. Debroy Somers Band. Northern and Southern Memories (arr. Debroy Somers); Shipmate's O' mine—Descriptive Ballad (Sanderson, Lockton & O'Reilly).

8.22. Trio in D Minor, Op. 40 (Mendelssohn), played by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals; 1st Movement—Molto allegro agitato; 2nd Movement—Andante con moto tranquillo; 3rd Movement—Scherzo; 4th Movement—Finale.

8.55 p.m. London—News and Announcements. 9.15. London—Brass Band Concert. 8.23. London—"Food for Thought." Three short talks on matters of topical interest. (Electrical Recording).

9.45. Music by Pierre. Variations libres et finale... Quintette Instrumental de Paris; Entrance of the Little Fauns... Jack Payne and His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Serenade... Renee Chemet (Violin). 10 p.m. London—Big Ben.

Vocal—Let's call a heart a heart... Bing Crosby; Piano Solos—I wait for you, Heute Nacht oder Nie!... Milcha Spollansky; Vocal—Deep shadows... Frances Langford; Instrumental—Memphis Blues... Ern Pettifor (Clarinet); Organ Solo—Funeral March of a Marionette, Nola d'Amour (Elgar); Vocal—I heard... Sydney Gustard; Vocal—I heard.

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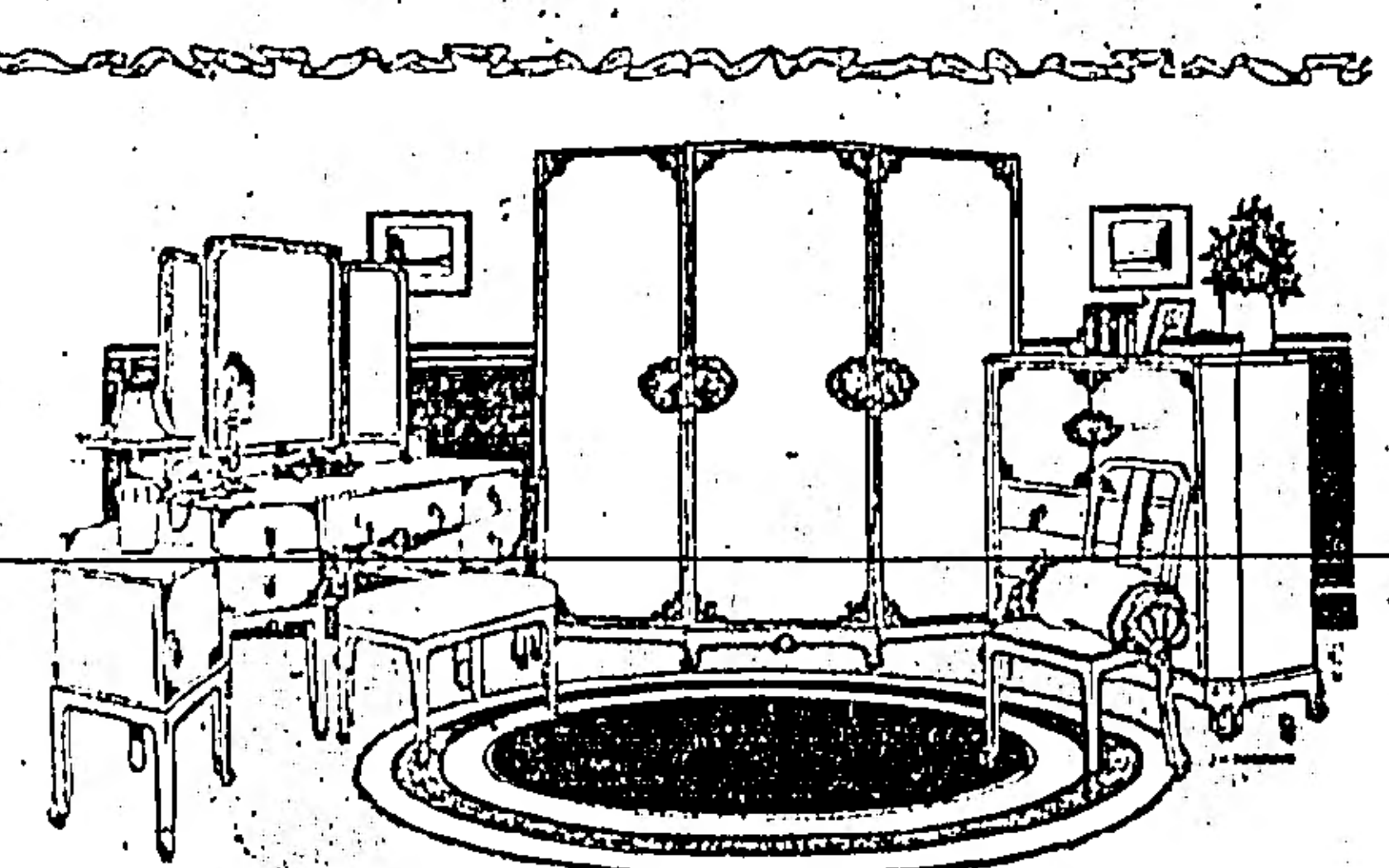
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OUR WEEKLY  
HOCKEY FEATURE

## "The Pilgrim" Suggests

CHAMPIONS-REST  
THIS WEEKABOLITION OF MAMAK & UNITED TOURNAMENTS:  
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SHOULD TAKE CONTROLWILL PLAY  
FOR THE  
RESTMiss Hall (top  
left) of D.G.S.,  
Mrs. Hole (R.U.R.)  
top right, and Mrs.  
Weir (H.K. Ladies)  
opposite, who will  
be playing for the  
Rest against the  
Brawn Cup cham-  
pions on Saturday.THRILLS  
OF THE  
BIG RACE  
Crack JockeyBeaten By  
Head

London, Mar. 17.  
The Lincolnshire Handicap, the  
first big race of the season opened  
with a real thrill to-day with the  
little apprentice jockey Douglas  
Smith fighting out a ding-dong  
finish with the master jockey,  
Gordon Richards.

Both were riding greys, and Smith  
got Marmaduke Jinks, starting at 33  
to 1 and owned by Mrs. C. B. Robin-  
son, home by a head in front of Mr.  
Martin Benson's Laureat, a 100 to 7  
chance, with Mr. Davey's Coldron, a  
rank 66 to 1 outsider two lengths  
away for third place.

Thirty-two horses ran in the race,  
and both the winner and the third-  
placed horse were trained in York-  
shire.

Two of the best backed horses,  
Edgehill, a 10 to 1 favourite and  
Monte Sano, at 100 to 8 failed to reach  
the first 14 at the finish. Nipaway,  
another well fancied competitor, lost  
its jockey close to home and when  
running fifth, but it was a beaten  
horse at that stage.

That the race was a real lottery and  
that the horses drawing high numbers  
had far too big an advantage was  
shown in the fact that the first six  
horses drew the following places:—  
27, 25, 28, 20, 26 and 30.  
The bookmakers actually admitted  
having won on the race!—*Reuter*.

TO-DAY'S  
TENNIS  
MATCHESKong Against  
Leonard

(By "Veritas")

The only singles match down for  
to-day in the tennis championships  
is between Paul Kong and J. W.  
Leonard, who meet in the second  
round. The encounter should pro-  
vide much to interest.

Kong should certainly win, but  
Leonard's steadiness is likely to yield  
him several games. Leonard is not  
an easy player to beat, and I rather  
expect Kong will have to rely upon a  
forecourt attack. Leonard is  
thoroughly at home in baselinet duels.  
We shall have a contrast of styles  
and probably some highly interesting  
exchanges.

Full programme is as under:

## OPEN SINGLES

Paul Kong v. J. W. Leonard.

## OPEN DOUBLES

Wong Shui-wing and Luk Wing-  
cheong v. Y. N. Tam and S. Wong.  
A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. Silva v.  
H. P. Ong and J. Hsu.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

R. M. Wood v. A. S. Read; V. R.  
Gordon v. J. C. Pool;  
H. Owen Hughes v. T. C. Monag-  
han.

## HANDICAP DOUBLES

G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst v. A.  
H. McBride and N. K. Littlejohn;  
A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell v. G.  
E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane.

Wales Wins  
Football  
ChampionshipBEAT IRELAND  
EASILY

London, March 17.  
Wales to-day won the International  
Football Championship by beating  
Ireland at Wrexham by four goals to  
one.

A crowd of 25,000 watched the  
match in beautifully sunny weather,  
and they saw Ireland in impressive  
form during the early stages.

Griffiths was outstanding in the  
Welsh defence during this period.  
Bryn Jones, Welsh inside left scored  
in the 25th minute after a clever com-  
bined movement, whereafter the Irish  
forwards seemed to lose confidence.  
On the other hand Wales steadily  
improved and Glover, the centre-  
forward scored in the 32nd minute.  
Wales led two-nil at half time.

In the 50th minute Glover scored  
again for Wales from Warren's pass,  
but Stevenson at inside left replied  
for Ireland when the Welsh goal-  
keeper dropped the ball.  
Before the end Warren, Welsh left-  
winger obtained his team's fourth  
goal, and Wales ran out comfortable  
winners.—*Reuter*.

## ARE there too many hockey

tournaments in Hongkong?  
"The Pilgrim",—Hongkong's  
best-informed hockey commen-  
tator says Yes. In the accom-  
panying article he sets out his  
reasons why he has reached this  
conclusion, further pointing out  
that many of the competitions  
are organised outside of the  
Hongkong Hockey Association,  
which body is scarcely taking  
its rightful position as the  
parent of the game in this  
Colony.

"The Pilgrim" outlines a plan  
for the co-ordination of the  
existing tournaments to come  
under the single control of the  
H.K.H.A. He further emphasises  
the increasing part the Hockey  
Umpires Board should play in  
the promotion of the game in  
Hongkong. His article contains  
some of the most constructive  
criticism ever written about  
hockey in Hongkong.

RUMJAHN  
DID NOT  
IMPRESSGrose Like A  
Text-BookIMMACULATE LEE  
WAI-TONG

(By "Veritas")

Sirdar Rumjahn won his match  
against Frank Grose yesterday in  
the Colony open singles tennis  
championship, but it cannot be  
said that he looked a natural suc-  
cessor to Tsui Wai-pui as cham-  
pion of the Colony. Only occa-  
sionally did he touch anything  
resembling champion's form, and  
chiefly he won on Grose's mis-  
takes, which were numerous.

Grose offered much better oppo-  
sition than generally anticipated. At  
times he played like a Mercer  
Beasley text book, making stylish  
backhand drives on both wings  
and following them up with  
winning volleys. He had Rum-  
jahn running from side to side  
with his deeply placed drives, but so  
often, having lured Sirdar out of  
the court, he planted his next return  
into the net when he had the Indian at  
his mercy. These errors also usually  
came at vital stages of a game, and  
they certainly cost Grose the second  
set.

Rumjahn was unexpectedly thrust  
on to the defence for the major part  
of the match, and though he did score  
some gorgeous shots, he was not  
so impressive as one naturally an-  
ticipated he would be.

Of the two Grose played the more  
attractive tennis, but he lacked  
steadiness and balance when these  
two qualities were chiefly needed.

## IMMACULATE TENNIS

Lee Wai-long played immaculate  
tennis to beat Leys, the tall, ac-  
cending Cricket Club exponent by 6-0,  
7-5. Lee might have won easier for  
he led 4-2 and 5-3 in the second set,  
but Leys suddenly gained some rea-  
sonable control of his shots and with  
a succession of perfect lobs, pegged  
Lee back to five-all before the  
Chinese again assumed the ascen-  
dancy.

Leys, though serving with enor-  
mous strength and speed, did not have  
this shot under control, and was  
guilty of many double faults. Even  
more disconcerting to him was Lee's  
clever return of his best deliveries,  
the Chinese employing a lot of back-  
spin cut which forced Leys up to the  
forecourt from where he was con-  
tinually pestered either with beautiful  
lobs or well placed cut drives.

Lee exploited all of his known shots  
in the course of the match, and he  
used them so efficiently that one  
could not help ranking him on this  
display as a real threat for the title.  
He was never disconcerted, and  
placed the ball just where he liked.  
It was one of the coolest displays of  
brilliant tennis seen in the champion-  
ships for many a long day.

It was a pity Leys could not gain  
full control over the ball. In the  
second set he whipped out some fine  
rate ground shots, but he could not  
sustain a long rally and constantly  
cleared the lines by a yard. The  
failure of his service probably had an  
adverse effect upon him tempera-  
mentally, as it is usually a weapon  
formidable enough to win him his  
games. Lee Wai-long proves once  
again that something more than a  
cannon-ball service is needed to win  
championship matches.

Yesterday's results were as follows:

There Are  
Too Many  
CompetitionsCO-ORDINATION IS  
ESSENTIAL

## New Plan Outlined

ONE of the most important features of sport in  
Hongkong is the rapid development of com-  
petitive hockey. The game has grown so quickly,  
has become so widely popular, that its demands  
have tended to outstrip the legislative efficiency  
of the Hongkong Hockey Association, which is  
supposed to safeguard the game's interests in the  
Colony. In fact one is led to this conviction: that  
at the present time there are too many hockey  
tournaments in Hongkong.

Here, for example, is a list of the  
competitions now in existence for the  
men:

The Mamak Tournament  
The United Tournament  
The Triangular Tournament  
The International Tournament  
The Inter-Section Tournament

And on top of these competitions  
some of which are run on knock-out  
lines, others as leagues, there are  
numerous representative games, and  
Interports.

This season, for instance, we have  
all of the competitions noted above,  
and in addition, there has been the  
visit here of the Waseda University  
which entailed a programme of seven  
matches, plus six trial games, follow-  
ed by an Interport against Macao,  
and possibly another Interport to  
come against Shanghai.

Altogether much too strenuous a  
season for an individual player who  
happens to be in the A1 class and  
therefore liable to be called upon to  
figure in the majority of the events.

## MY SUGGESTIONS

Because of this I would like to  
suggest that the Hongkong Hockey  
Association organize a competition,  
which might be called the Victoria  
Hockey Tournament, or the Hongkong  
Hockey Tournament, or some such  
name. That this competition be  
divided into three divisions, open to  
all Army, Navy and Civilian teams.  
That permission be obtained from the  
parent body in England for trophies  
to be offered in each division. I  
know of hockey enthusiasts only too  
anxious to donate a cup or shield for  
such a purpose.

This tournament, I suggest, is used  
to take the place of the existing  
Mamak and United Tournaments, so  
that the whole of the Colony's hockey  
competitions will come under the  
direct control of the Association.

The Triangular Tournament should  
include a team representing the  
Civilian Clubs instead of the Hong-  
kong Hockey Club as at present, and  
this would also do away with the  
necessity of a Civilian v. Services  
match.

The following would be the various  
competitions run by the Association:  
H.K.H.A. Tournament (three divi-  
sions with home and away  
games)

## Triangular Tournament.

International Tournament.  
Interports and Representative  
Games.  
Civilian and Services teams to-day  
are being encouraged to join a whole  
host of competitions with very little  
chance of being in a position to com-  
plete their fixture lists, and there  
does seem room for some plan of  
co-ordination, preferably, in fact neces-  
sarily, under the aegis of the Hong-  
kong Hockey Association.

## UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

What's more the Umpires Hockey  
Board would figure prominently in  
such a plan. Its functions would be  
greatly enlarged, for among other  
things it would be responsible for ap-  
pointing qualified umpires for all  
tournament games as well as for  
examining umpires with a view to  
their qualifying.

This raises the question of the  
importance of creating an Umpires  
Association, which body could deal  
with matters such as payment of fees  
to umpires as suggested in these  
columns a few weeks ago, and  
generally speaking could look after  
the interests of our hockey umpires.  
It is possible these suggestions may  
appear to have come like a bolt from  
the blue, but I have spoken to several

THIS is what "The Pilgrim"  
suggests in the accompa-  
nying article on the question of re-  
organising hockey tournaments  
in Hongkong.

Substitution of the Mamak  
Tournament, the United Tourna-  
ment and similar competi-  
tions by a tournament  
organised by the Hongkong  
Hockey Association, to be  
called for example the Victoria  
Hockey Tournament, or the  
Hongkong Hockey Tournament.  
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tions, and open to all Army,  
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The creation of a Hockey  
Umpires Association for the ap-  
pointment of qualified umpires  
for all tournament fixtures, the  
examination of umpires who  
wish to become qualified, and  
to deal with all matters relating  
to umpires in the Colony.

Mamak Teams  
Please  
Take Note!

The Hon. Secretary of the Mamak  
Hockey Tournament wishes to re-  
mind all teams participating in the  
competition that their fixtures must  
be completed by March 31st.

It is very doubtful whether an ex-  
tension will be granted.

The Queer Case  
Of V. Bond Is  
Cleared-Up

I understand that V. Bond,  
the well-known local hockey  
player has every chance of  
playing for England in the In-  
ternational Tournament, writes  
"The Pilgrim". He informs me  
that there is no question about  
his being half Scotch—half  
English, as both his parents are  
English. The reason why he  
played for Scotland last year  
was because the Scottish team  
was one short and he was asked  
to make up the eleven. This,  
however, was no fault of Bond's  
and the proper explanation  
should be made by those in  
authority. The rule itself is  
very misleading on the subject  
and this particular case is to be  
investigated by the committee.  
He should find no difficulty in  
making the English team for  
the final game.

SCRAPPY  
GAME OF  
HOCKEYClub Lose To  
Recreio

(By "The Pilgrim")

A somewhat scrappy game of  
hockey was played on the Club  
ground yesterday, when Club de  
Recreio with only ten men, yet  
representative of Portugal's  
strongest, beat the Club by a  
solitary goal scored by J. Pinto in  
the first few minutes of the game.

The Recreio were fortunate to win  
the match, but it must be admitted  
that handicapped as they were, they  
gave a very creditable performance.  
The absence of L. Oliveira made a  
tremendous difference to the team,  
which hardly played in keeping with  
the result.

The Recreio attack was not  
frantically impressive, hit and rush  
methods being employed by B.  
Gosano, Pinto and Sousa, and usually  
these were easily countered by Ben-  
well in the Club goal who ran out  
and cleared without difficulty.

J. Goncalves played a splendid  
game at centre-half, while Rodrigues  
and E. L. Gosano were a safe pair  
of backs. Rodrigues was a trifle on  
the slow side and this might have  
been exploited to some good purpose  
by the Club attack, but they did not  
seize upon the opportunity. E. Alves  
in goal played a confident game and  
looked after his charge very well.

The Club forward line looked nice  
and played with thoroughly good  
understanding, but they were slow  
in grasping chances and were not  
very dangerous in front of goal.

V. Bond and Bickford were rather  
off form, whilst Divett was a slow  
leader. The brothers, G. and S.  
Fowler were the danger spot in the  
Club attack, but they were very well  
held by Beltrao and Gosano.

W. A. Reed was useful, the pick of  
the half backs with Starbuck on his  
right putting in some hard work in  
an unusual position. E. V. Reed was  
the better of the two backs while  
Benwell showed up exceedingly well  
in goal, played a fine game in the  
second half. He saved very cleverly  
from Pinto and Nolasco.

This was, I believe, the last game  
of the season for the Club, and they  
certainly gave signs of that end-of-  
the-season feeling. N. Whitley's  
absence at left half was felt, and  
generally speaking the Club did not  
come up to reputation.

## FERRY DEFEATS VINES

New York, Mar. 17.  
Fred Perry beat Ellsworth Vines  
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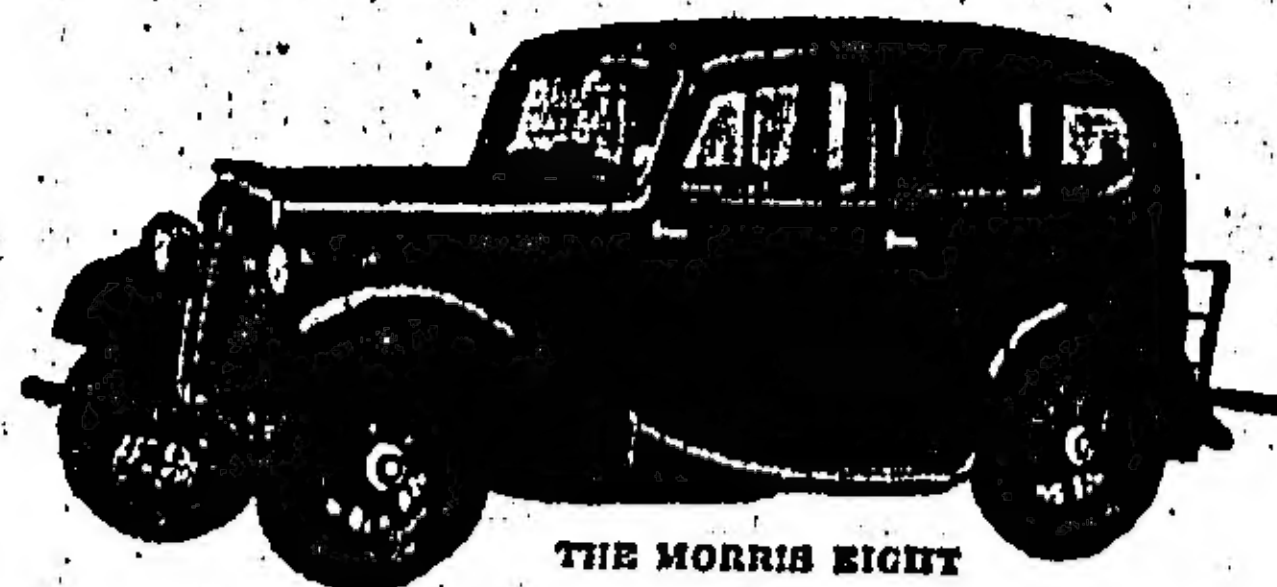
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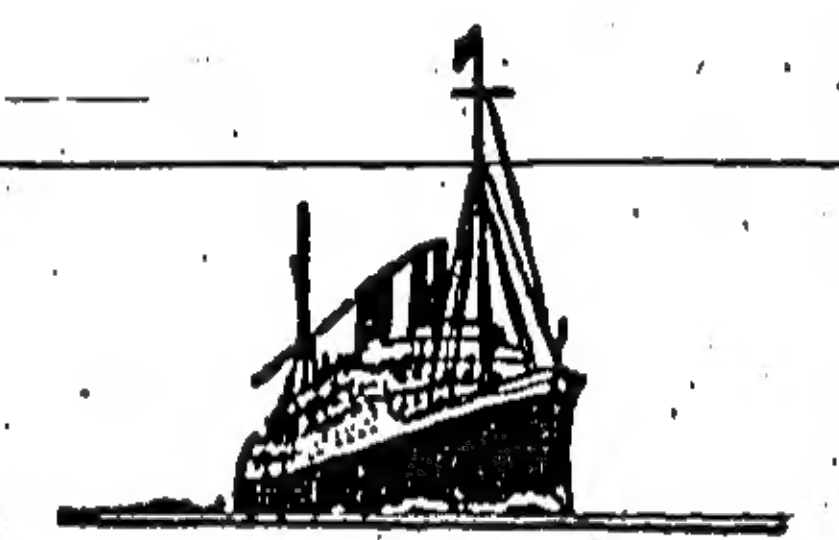
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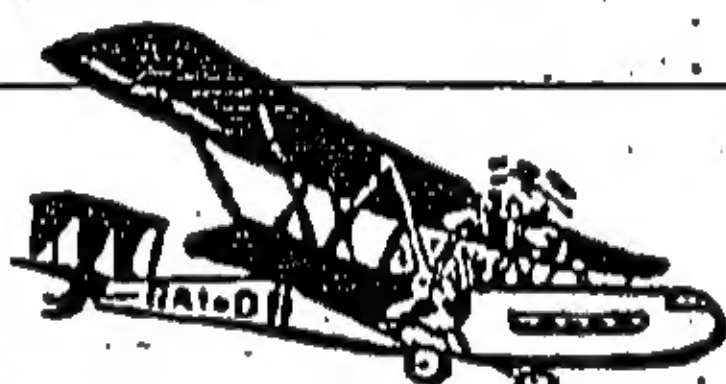
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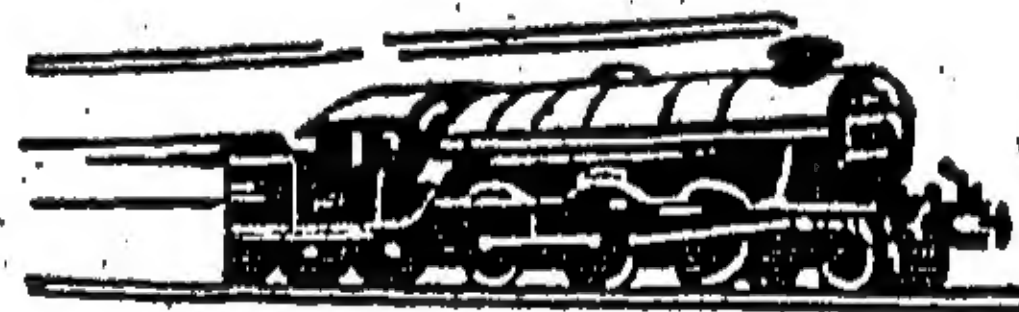
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#### Colony Badminton Championships

## OLIVERIA AGAIN ESCAPES BY SKIN OF HIS TEETH

### Last Night's Exciting Quarter-Final In Men's Doubles ONE SURPRISE ONLY

(By "Veritas")

WHETHER he wins any of the titles or not, M. A. Oliveira will be able to look back at the 1936-37 badminton championships of the Colony with a good deal of interest and satisfaction, knowing that he has helped to provide some of the most exciting encounters of the tournament.

On three occasions Oliveira, who is regarded very favourably as a potential champion, has been next door to defeat, only to pull the game out of the fire at the very last minute. Last evening, in company with J. J. Remedios, he supplied the chief thrills in the quarter-finals of the men's doubles championship. He and Remedios were opposed to T. J. Ong and F. Koh of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The Recreio pair lost the first game, won the second and were trailing 3-11 in the third. By this time Ong and Koh appeared to be well on top, yet they could not consolidate, and by dint of a terrific effort on the part of Oliveira and Remedios, the scores were levelled and then the Recreio couple went away for the next four points and the match.

#### ONG'S BRILLIANCE

T. J. Ong, the same player who gave Oliveira such a fright in the quarter-finals of the open singles, played brilliant badminton for the major part of the match. He displayed wonderful speed and agility in moving about the court, always finding time to make his strokes deliberately. He cunningly disguised his drop shots in consequence of which they often scored outright, or forced up a weak return which the opposition could not help smashing for an ace, while his overhead work was magnificent. Ong made short shrift of the rather careless service deliveries on the part of Oliveira and Remedios, rushing them to such good purpose that he rarely failed to "kill" them first time.

Until the Recreio players started their third-set recovery, Ong dominated the court, and played some of the most spectacular badminton seen yet in the championships.

Koh's partner, was not quite so confident nor secure, lacking the same speed of foot and being liable to break down in the extended rallies. Yet he gave good support and if anything was the steeper of the two players towards the end.

#### DETERMINATION WINS

Full marks go to Oliveira and Remedios for their fine fighting recovery when all seemed over. Determination rather than the excellence of their badminton pulled them through. Remedios was a very important factor in deciding the last points of the match, though he went completely to pieces in the early stages of the third game.

Both players served poorly, but in the rallies they displayed pretty understanding and their team work was a big contributing factor to the result.

Oliveira was chiefly notable for some decisive "killing," while

Remedios employed finesse as well as showing a sound overhead.

In the first game Oliveira and Remedios led two-love, but Ong and Koh took a 3-2 lead which was immediately taken away and the Recreio pair went to 7-4. Then followed a startling run of success by Ong and Koh, who advanced from 4-7 in arrears to lead 10-7. Then Oliveira and Remedios picked up a point, but the Y.M.C.A. couple got on top again and won the game without conceding another ace.

The Recreio players obtained a long lead of seven-love in the second game, and although the opposition made a spirited reply, they held on to the advantage and finally went to their points for a 15-7 win.

In the deciding game, the ultimate winners led 3-1, and then the "Y" players brought their big guns into action and went right ahead, piling on the points until they led 11-3.

That was the last point they scored, although they had something like eight services and several opportunities. Gradually Oliveira and Remedios, by adding a couple of points on each service, drew up and having reached 11-all, saw their opponents go to pieces. It was a most exciting finish.

#### SURPRISINGLY EASY WIN

The case in which H. A. Alves and E. de Sousa beat K. S. Liew and K. L. Yung of the University took everybody by surprise. Displaying perfect combination, the Recreio players won as they liked against a pair who never looked like settling down. In both games the winners secured long leads and they eventually won the match 15-4, 15-3. Sousa smashed beautifully while Alves adroitly placed the shuttle so that the opposition had to run about a good deal and to make hurried last-minute shots.

Yung was in poor form and could gain no control over the shuttle. Both Varsity exponents played poorly and never settled down.

#### SHOULD HAVE WON A GAME.

S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok should have won the second game from T. C. Lee and P. K. Hui, the Varsity pair, but they allowed a great opportunity to slip through their grasp, the University players eventually winning a "setted" game after carrying off the first game at 15-4.

In the initial game, Liang and Kwok went to four-love, then did not score another point. In the second game they once more went to four-love, and this time consolidated. They increased the lead to 9-1, then 12-4. But the opposition began to overhaul them. Nevertheless they had splendid chances when leading 13-7, but lost them, mainly through Kwok's inability to smash decisively. From this point Hui and Lee advanced to 13-all and the "Y" players "setted" at five. The C.R.C. pair won



PLAYING AGAINST THE CHAMPIONS.—Miss E. Hamon (left) of the R.U.R. and Miss E. Churn (D.G.S.) two of the players who will help the Rest against the Brawn Cup champions on Saturday.

the first two points, but were pulled back to two-all. Then they led 3-2, but were again checked and the Varsity players won the next three points for the match.

Liang played ideal badminton, scoring neatly and constantly with his cleverly concealed angled shots from the base of the court and by means of a well placed overhead smash. Kwok played good defensive badminton but was unable to finish off the rallies when presented with opportunities.

Hui played with great skill in the first game, but fell away afterwards. Lee smashed daintily and with great speed, and was always entertaining to watch.

Once again King's College court was kindly loaned to the Badminton Association for these matches.

The full results of the matches were:

P. K. Hui and T. C. Lee beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, 15-4, 13-13 and 5-3.

H. A. Alves and E. de Sousa beat K. S. Liew and K. L. Yung, 15-4, 15-3.

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios beat T. J. Ong and F. Koh, 8-15, 15-7, 10-11.

#### SCHOOL CRICKET

A drawn match was played between Queen's College and the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School when they met at cricket on the Indian R.C. ground yesterday.

Queen's College declared at 150 for seven wickets, Ismail Ali scoring 49 and U. A. Rehman 55 not out.

K. M. Rummah was the most successful bowler for the Indian School with five for 36.

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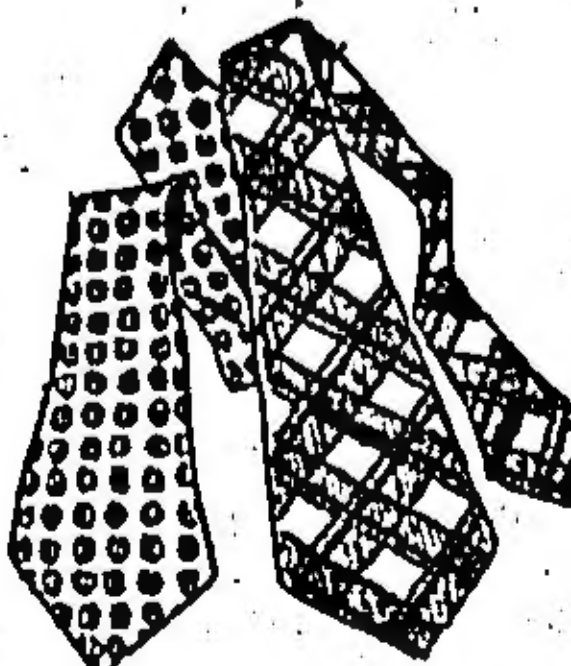
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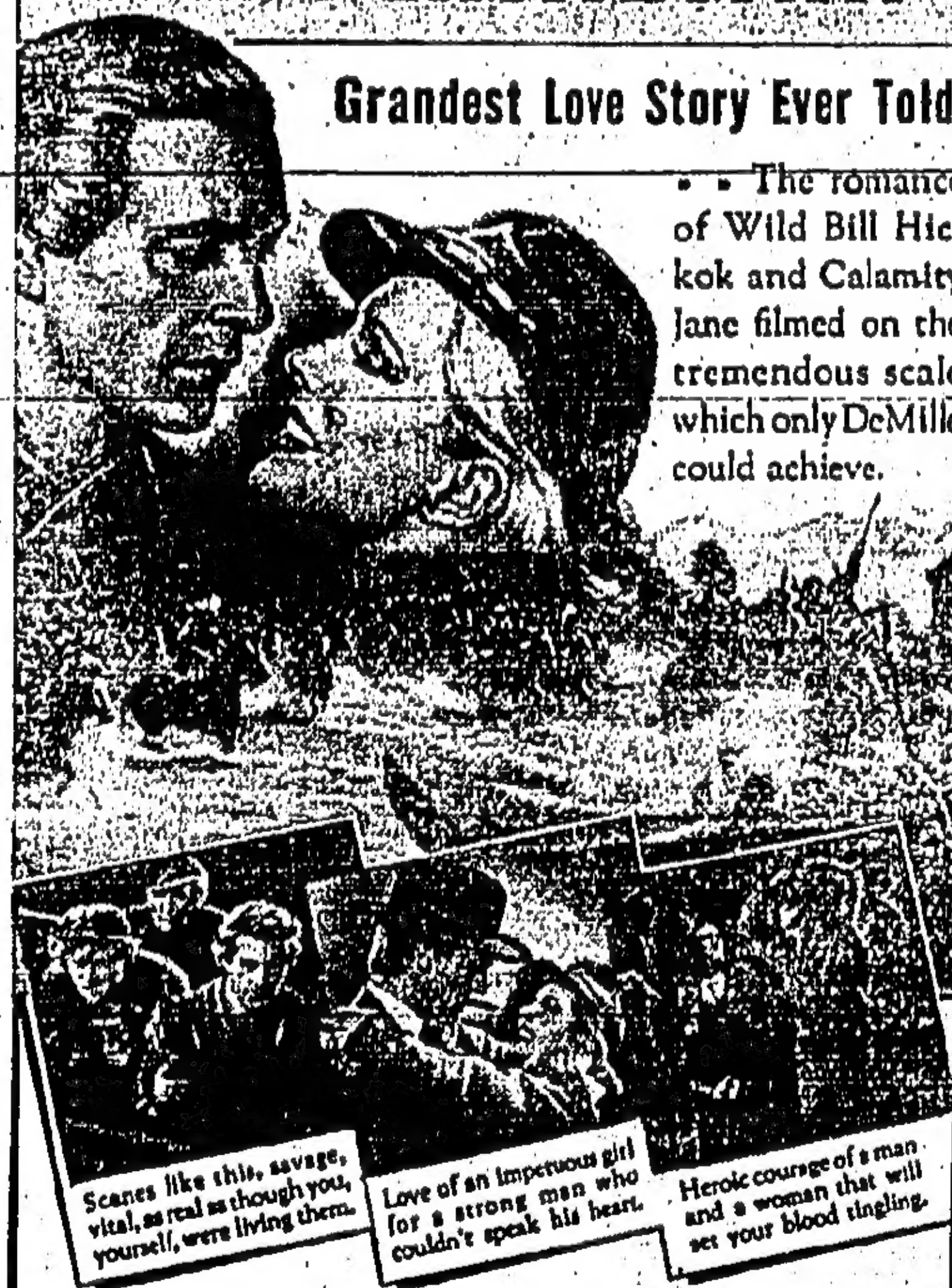


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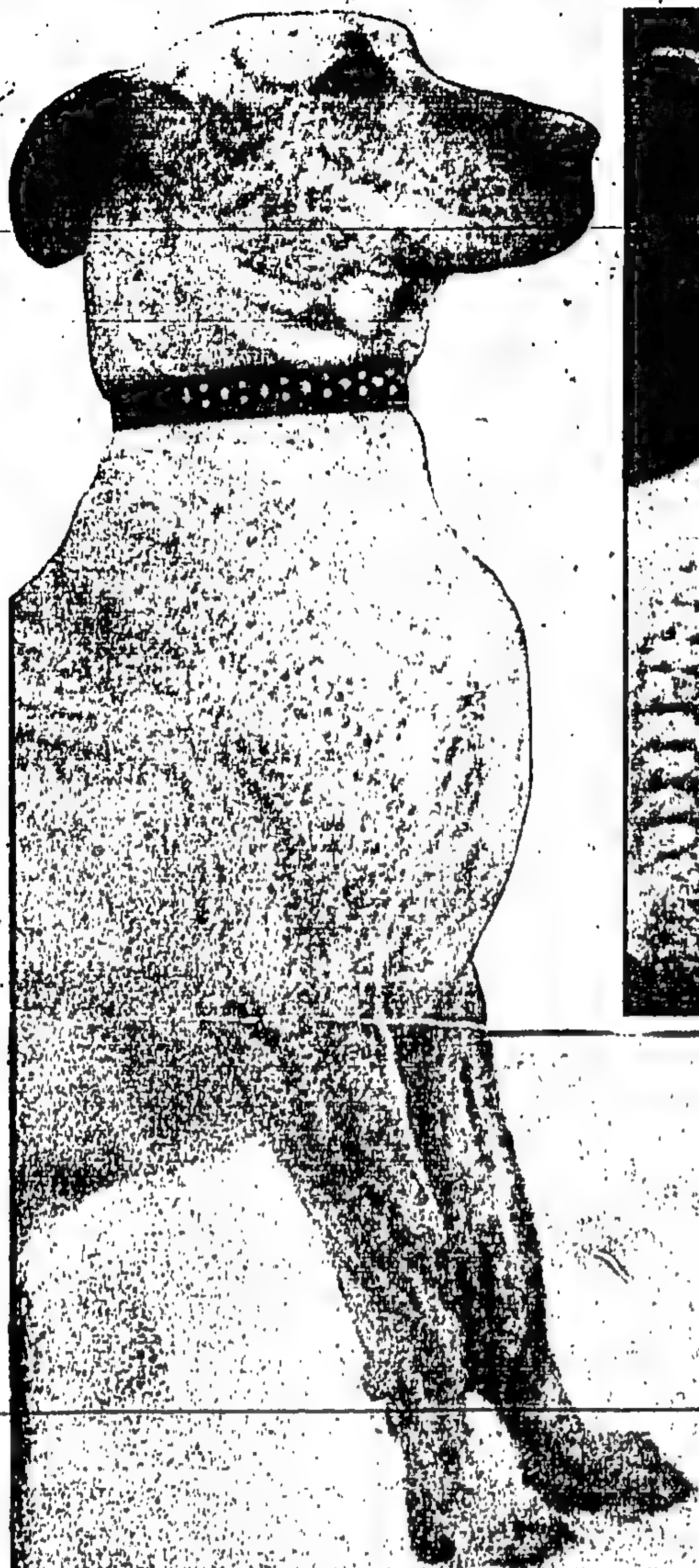


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# Hongkong Telegraph PHOTONEWS

HAPPENINGS  
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## CRUFT'S SHOW—THE "STARS"



Big dogs, little dogs, fat dogs and thin dogs were in the limelight at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, recently. Altogether, 4,352 made their appearance in Cruft's fifty-first show. Grand Duchess of Olga, a Mexican Chihuahua (above) nestled out from her scarf wrap and looked even more startled than ever. Lalarokh Tough-Guy, a Belgian Griffon, decided to show Herald of Cuddington (left) just how he received his name—the complete indifference of the Great Dane.



*It's No Joke*

BULLION OF RHODE looked as unhappy as any bloodhound can, but perky Fatalist of Molenesse, the poodle (below) proudly exhibited her moustache, specially trimmed and brushed for the great show.



*A Bird in the Hand*



THEIR SPEED CARRIED THE FLAG AWAY—What happened when one player forced another into touch during the Army Rugby Cup semi-final match between 1st Prince of Wales Volunteers and the 2nd Royal Tank Corps at Woolwich.

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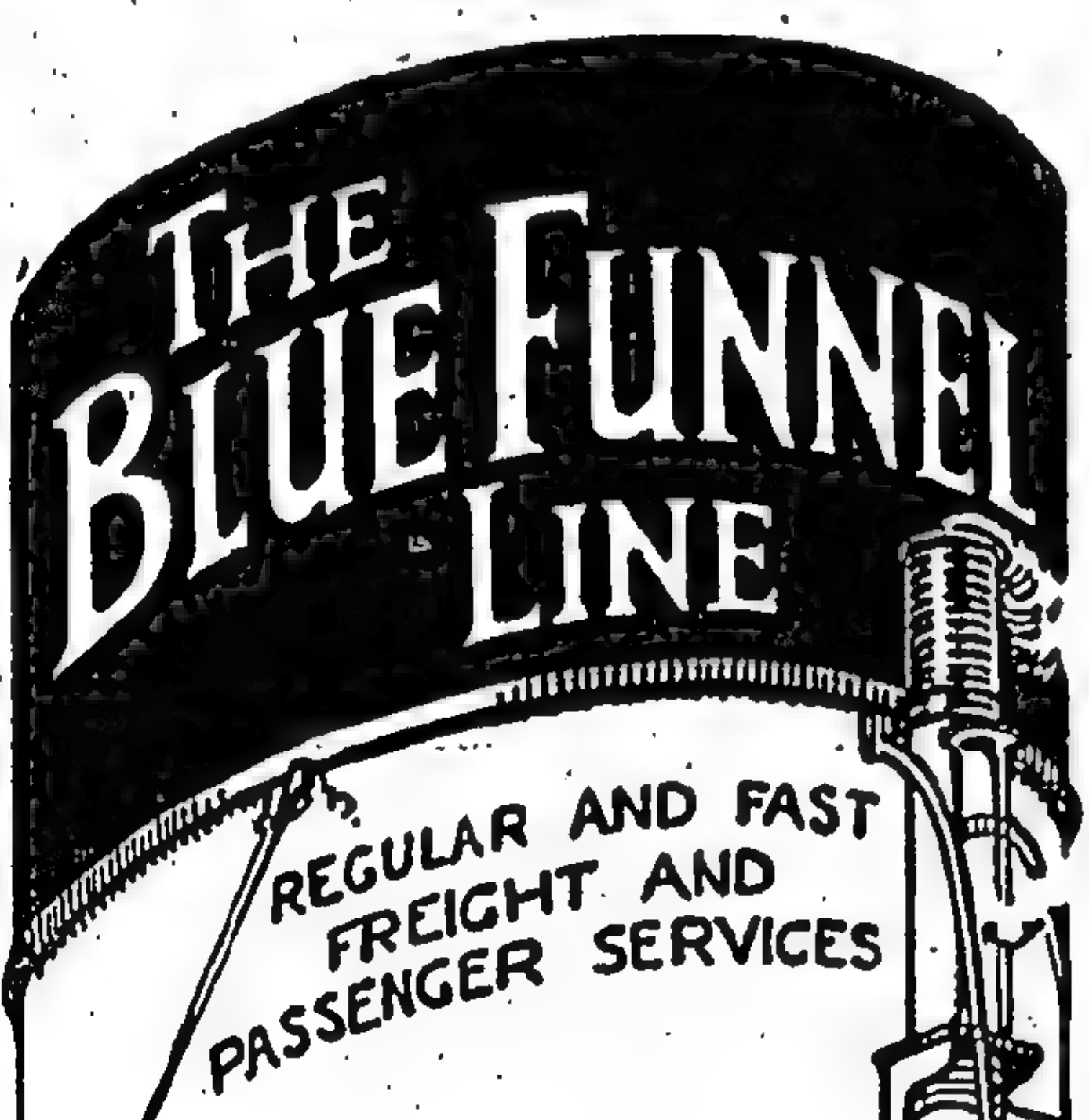
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London, Mar. 17.

A demarche by the Spanish Government at Valencia, with a view to obtaining British and French assistance in the civil war, has been published by the insurgent authorities at Salamanca.

It appears that the Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Delvayo, presented a note to Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and M. Yves Delbos, French Foreign Minister, at Geneva on February 9. In this, the Spanish Government offered to cede certain rights in Spanish Morocco in return for help against the rebels.

Inquiries by *Reuter* in London to-day revealed that such a note had been received by His Majesty's Government, but that no reply had yet been given.

However, it is pointed out, neither Britain nor France can entertain the proposal for a moment, as it would be contrary to their treaty obligations. A reply in this sense is likely to be despatched soon.—*Reuter*.

#### Big Blunder

London, Mar. 17.

Experts on foreign affairs turn the loyalists' offer to France and Britain as the greatest diplomatic blunder of the civil war.

It is understood that the offer did not include any territorial concession. However, special concessions, presumably mainly of a naval and aerial nature, were offered.

It is reported that British and French foreign affairs experts have been ordered to draft identical replies which will shortly be despatched to Senor Delvayo, the Spanish Foreign Minister.—*United Press*.

#### Aerial Activity

London, Mar. 17.

Military activity in Spain is at present mainly confined to aerial warfare. On the Guadalajara front, according to a Government Communiqué, Loyalist aircraft have been very active. Some 25 bombers claim to have wrought terrible destruction when they attacked the insurgent lines while 30 pursuit planes attacked and machine-gunned rebel concentrations.

It is stated in the same communiqué that the rebels lost several pursuit planes and one big Junker bomber in aerial action, while the Government had only one casualty, a pursuit ship.

On the other hand, General de Llano, the rebel staff officer, in a broadcast last night, claimed that 19 Government planes had been brought down in the past few hours of fighting.

A Lisbon message reports that a radio broadcast from Seville states the American Embassy has moved from Madrid to Alicante.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

## Nine-Power Naval Talks Now Urged

London, Mar. 17.

The Soviet proposal for a Nine-Power Naval Conference has delayed the new Anglo-German bilateral treaty providing for an annual exchange of information on building programmes.

It is learned that Sir Robert Craigie, of the Foreign Office, who has just been named Ambassador in Tokyo, is at present en route to New York, hoped to obtain the signatures to the Anglo-German Treaty before his departure, but the Soviet suggestion delayed completion of his task.—*United Press*.

## BRITISH DIPLOMAT DUE HERE

### AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO COLONY

### ARRIVING NEXT WEEK

His Majesty's Ambassador to China, His Excellency Sir Hugh M. Knatchbull-Hugessen, K.C.M.G., will arrive in Hongkong on Wednesday afternoon, March 24, accompanied by Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen, Mr. W. G. Graham (Private Secretary), Wing-Commander and Mrs. Kerby (Air Attache), and Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn (Chinese Counsellor).

The Ambassadorial party will arrive by special steamer at 1.10 p.m. and due at the Kowloon terminus at 4.30 p.m. They will be met at the Station by Capt. W.J.R. Craig, A.D.C. to His Excellency the (Continued on Page 7.)

## GUNS ALONE CANNOT GUARD PRESTIGE

### Claims H.K.'s Importance Not Recognised

"Hongkong should be regarded as something more than a war-time base and considerably more than a mere Crown Colony. It should undoubtedly be the focal point of British Far Eastern interests, commercial, cultural and political."

Thus declares a correspondent of *Truth*, the London weekly, in a recent comment on the reply of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore, to the protest of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council and the Chamber of Commerce against the transfer of Sir Andrew Caldecott to Ceylon.

"When Hongkong's true importance is appreciated," goes on this correspondent, "perhaps the Government will cease to be the plaything of the Colonial Office, and will be placed on a footing requiring the services of an eminent administrator, with direct access to the Cabinet, thus avoiding the present unfortunate overlapping between the Foreign Office, the Colonial Office, and

## Blueland Landing Party Mowed Down By Machine-Guns

### Evade Patrols But Stumble Upon Strong Land Force

## SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT TELLS OF NIGHT'S ADVENTURE

By the "Telegraph's" Special Correspondent  
With the Blueland Forces  
By RADIO

Aboard H.M.S. Berwick, 12.30 p.m.

We returned to H.M.S. Berwick at 5 o'clock this morning after a successful raid on Redland territory, during which our forces succeeded in cutting an important cable line five miles inland.

The destroyers Dainty, Danae, Decoy and Defender left the Blueland base after dusk yesterday and, with all lights covered and absolute quietness reigning on deck, crept in to Starling Inlet.

As we passed several startled junks and sampans, the only evidence that we were abroad was the brilliant phosphorescent wake as the propellers of our four ships churned us in towards the shore.

The four Blueland ships anchored about three miles off-shore and everything still in pitch darkness—the work of transferring a landing party of Royal Marines and seamen commenced. The parties went overboard from the destroyers into several whalers and cutters, and set off silently for the northern shore of the inlet, a sharp look-out being kept meanwhile for Redland patrol boats.

Shallow water made it necessary for us to wade ashore for about 150 yards, and paddy-fields which we encountered after we had landed added to our discomfort.

We finally scrambled up to the Shataukok road, where we found a similar landing party from our flagship—H.M.S. Berwick—awaiting us.

LUCKY TO GET ASHORE

We were lucky to get ashore undetected. The Redland defenders, apparently suspicious—fired several Verey lights but there was no gun-fire.

My bedraggled and wet civilian clothes clinging uncomfortably by my legs, I rushed up the road with the party of Marines. A mile along the road we were greeted with a perfect hail of Verey lights, and we were forced to lie flat in the mud and slime in order to escape detection.

Fortunately I managed to pick a shallow puddle. But all around me (Continued on Page 5.)

## ATTACKS BRITISH POLICY

### ASSERTS IRELAND DISMEMBERED

### DE VALERA ON WAR-PATH

Dublin, Mar. 17.

Mr. Eamon de Valera, Chief Executive of the Irish Free State, in a radio broadcast on St. Patrick's Day, said Britain had no right to wrest part of Ireland from the remainder "to suit her own interests."

Mr. de Valera said he had recently been urged to "restrain the Irish from further political endeavours and to make them content with their present status as a Free State and with their relations with Britain and the British Commonwealth. The Commonwealth nations seem to have greater difficulty in understanding Ireland's aims than the people of other countries."

"This ancient nation," said Mr. de Valera, "is altogether distinct and separate from Britain. We want neither to exploit, dominate nor interfere with any other people. We simply claim the right to choose our own governmental institutions to suit ourselves, free from outside dictation and interference."

The first step towards really cordial relations between Britain and Ireland, he said, must be a frank recognition of the liberty of the whole Irish nation. The new Constitution will secure the liberty of twenty-six counties, but only when the other six joined in under the same terms would good relations with Britain be possible. (Mr. de Valera's reference was to the Free State and Ulster).—*United Press*.

## RACING ACROSS PACIFIC

### THREE PLANES WEST-BOUND

### WOMAN GOING ROUND WORLD

There are three planes heading over the Pacific, not actually racing, but all anxious to reach Honolulu as soon as possible so that the element of competition does enter the case. Amelia Earhart, circling the globe, took off an hour after the Hawaiian Clipper left for Hawaii. The big Sikorsky boat of Pan-American Airways, bound for New Zealand along the same route Miss Earhart is following, has also started its flight.

#### OVER PACIFIC

Oakland, Mar. 17.

Amelia Earhart, noted aviator, hopped off from here to-day on a projected flight across the Pacific, planning eventually to complete a flight around the world.

She will fly by the quickest route to Port Darwin, North Australia, and follow Imperial Airways routes to Africa. She will fly the Sahara and South Atlantic and then the Caribbean Sea.

She is accompanied by a competent amateur pilot but expects to leave him at Port Darwin after the worst part of her flight is accomplished.—*United Press*.

#### CREW OF FOUR

Oakland, March 17.

Amelia Earhart has hopped off for Port Darwin, via Hawaii, and with her go a relief pilot and two navigators as far as Australia. From there she will continue alone.

The Hawaiian Clipper hopped off an hour before her, from Alameda. The Pan-American Airways' big Sikorsky, bound for New Zealand took the air at the same time.—*Reuter*.

The Sikorsky, says the *United Press*, left about an hour after Miss Earhart.

There was a breathless moment, this service adds, when it seemed Miss Earhart's plane was about to dive into the line of automobiles in Midland Drive. It dipped, but rose sharply and easily cleared the traffic.

#### OVERTAKES CLIPPER

Oakland, March 17.

Miss Earhart sent a radio message that she had overtaken the Hawaiian Clipper.—*Reuter*.

## BOMBS SHAKE JERUSALEM

### Continued Violence Worries Britain

### NO WISH TO DECLARE MARTIAL LAW

Jerusalem, Mar. 17.

A constable and several Jewish passers-by were injured by the explosion of a bomb in a crowded main street of Jerusalem at 7 p.m. to-day. An Arab has been arrested in connection with the outrage.

Sixteen persons, including four children, were injured, and two are in a serious condition, it was disclosed later.

Two further bombs were thrown later to-night into an Arab cafe in a main street. Seven Arabs were injured and taken to hospital.

Late at night, a third bombing took place. A missile was tossed into an Arab cafe on the outskirts of the city and four were injured.—*Reuter*.

#### DEPLORES VIOLENCE

## TEN YEARS FOR HEROIN TRAFFICKER

### SESSIONS SENTENCE

### ON JAPANESE

### "DELIBERATE ATTEMPT"

The heaviest sentence so far passed on a drug trafficker in the Colony was imposed by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning on Kephale Itabashi, 40-year-old Japanese teacher, who was sentenced to ten years' hard labour on being found guilty on charges of unlawful possession and importation of 724 ounces of heroin, sufficient to make at least 18,000,000 pills.

Accused was arrested on January 4 as he was about to disembark from the s.s. *Hupei*, which had arrived from Tientsin. The drug was found in his luggage. His defence, which was conducted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. Hin-shing Lo, on the instructions of Mr. J. M. Hall, was that he had no knowledge of the drug, which he was asked to carry by Wang Shoung-sang, who was sentenced at the last Sessions to seven years' hard labour for a similar offence.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution.

This morning, the defence called two witnesses from Tientsin, to say that accused was asked by Wong to carry the luggage down to Hongkong from that port.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Sheldon said that the facts regarding the arrest of his client were not disputed, the sole and simple issue being whether or not he had any knowledge of the drug. The prisoner had said he was not called although he was the man who really held the truth. As far as the defence was concerned, Wong was not called for obvious reasons, but the Crown could have done so if they wanted to rebut the story given by accused.

#### MONEY OFFER DENIED

Referring to the incident at the Wharf Office where accused was alleged to have stopped Revenue Officer Ward from telephoning to his superior officer and offered him \$3,000 if he would let him go, Counsel said it was entirely misunderstood. He spoke in Mandarin and not in English as alleged, and all he said was to the effect that he had a friend "on the second floor." In any event, if the jury were not convinced of the truth of this, he submitted it was equally consistent with guilt as with fear for it was a well-known fact that innocent persons always did foolish things when confronted with a crime.

Counsel concluded by asking the jury that if in future they might have an uneasy feeling, they should acquit his client.

Replying for the Crown, Mr. (Continued on Page 5.)

#### WANTS MARTIAL LAW

Mr. Josiah Wedgwood, Labour, asked: "How long does the Government intend to tolerate this state of affairs? When will martial law be proclaimed?"

Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that he did not know that martial law was the best method of dealing with the situation. The British Government would be reluctant to declare martial law, he said, as it would mean the end of all civil Government.

The Minister said he was satisfied that the acts of violence were organised by local bodies and by small murder gangs. He was sure the Arab outrages had no connection with the Higher Committee.—*Reuter, Special*.

## FLOODS BURST DYKES

### LARGE ENGLISH AREA AFFECTED

London, Mar. 18.

Desperate efforts to check the flood at Soham Lodge, Cambridgeshire, have failed.

The subsiding banks had been thoroughly reinforced when the water burst through the bottom and millions of gallons poured forth with such force that a 50-ton barge, used as a bulwark, was carried downstream.

The leader of the flood-fighters despairingly said that thousands of acres would now be flooded.—*Reuter*.

#### CONTINUED ANXIETY

London, Mar. 17.

Anxiety in regard to the flood situation in the low-lying fen country of England is still acute and the banks of the swollen River Ouse and its tributaries are being constantly watched.

The Minister of Agriculture, in the House of Commons this afternoon, said the floods had engaged his close (Continued on Page 5.)



REPORT BY ZOE FARMAR  
& ROBB FROM PARIS SHOWS  
ON NEW SPRING FASHIONS

# The English cut has it

GETTING down to what we are to wear this spring-summer the Paris designers have gone all Union Jack. Why? Designers this or that side of the Channel care most deeply about what the American customers will buy (America sets the market, Europe sets the fashion) and American women who won't see our Coronation want to wear it.

They have already worn out their enthusiasm for the obvious royal insignia, like crown and sceptre buttons, herald coats and what-all. Now their highly paid buying representatives are looking simply for clothes that look English in cut and style and have at the same time just a suggestion of royal goings-on. So the tailor-made suit walks right ahead in popularity and ingenuity in the half-yearly fashion parades.

## Trimmings show the royal influence

But it is not the plain classic cut affair that your husbands like you to wear. A swank designer can't afford to leave a plain suit plain. It had to be jazzed up a bit with royal flavouring.

So here, under headings (to make it easy for you to hand right over to your tailor), I've listed some of the ways of having a tailor-made that doesn't look like the one you had last year.

Paris.

**LAPELS** are ornamental. Edged with braid, some flatly faced, others with a contrasting colour stitched on in an in-and-out scroll design outlined with bright coloured piping, or coarsely stitched. In contrast to the suit and matching the blouse. Embroidered in silk. Standing up stiffly, not pressed back. Rolled back, but not pressed. Anything, it seems, but the sort of lapel that you're used to.

**BUTTONS** are smaller, mostly tailor type, and fewer. No more of those suits that make you look centipede-chested or dangle queer little stunt buttons.

Instead of fancy buttons, more ingenuity in the button-holes. Embroidered cord, or metal, loops. Ordinary button-holes faced with contrasting fabric matching gloves, jumper or bag.

## Double-deckers

**POCKETS** plenty. Often oddly shaped to match lapels; some double-decked (so that what looks like two pockets, one above other, is only one inside). Again much embroidery: piped edges, narrow vari-coloured braids, corded.

**JACKETS:** As well as short classic length, some bolero style, dipping to a V at the back, and some hark back to the 2in.-below-finger-tip redingote (which means, in case like me you used to wonder, really "riding coat style"—close-tailored on the chest, roomy below).

Styling for short jackets often Tyrolean with tiny inlets at back of gay chintz fabrics—but only a flash of them, from the lining.

**SKIRTS:** Close-fitting and plain. Pleats small, flat and hidden as much as possible. Much straight panelling.

## Stuffs for Spring

**FABRICS:** For later spring, heavy tussore and corded silks. Imitation suede (like those cheap gloves, looking like matt stockingette) for jackets, sometimes skirts as well. Linens coarser-woven than ever, looking like canvas. Tweed-silk mixtures.

**COMMENT:** Good practical clothes so far and just the sort that suit us (excepting the few that tend to over-ornamentation).

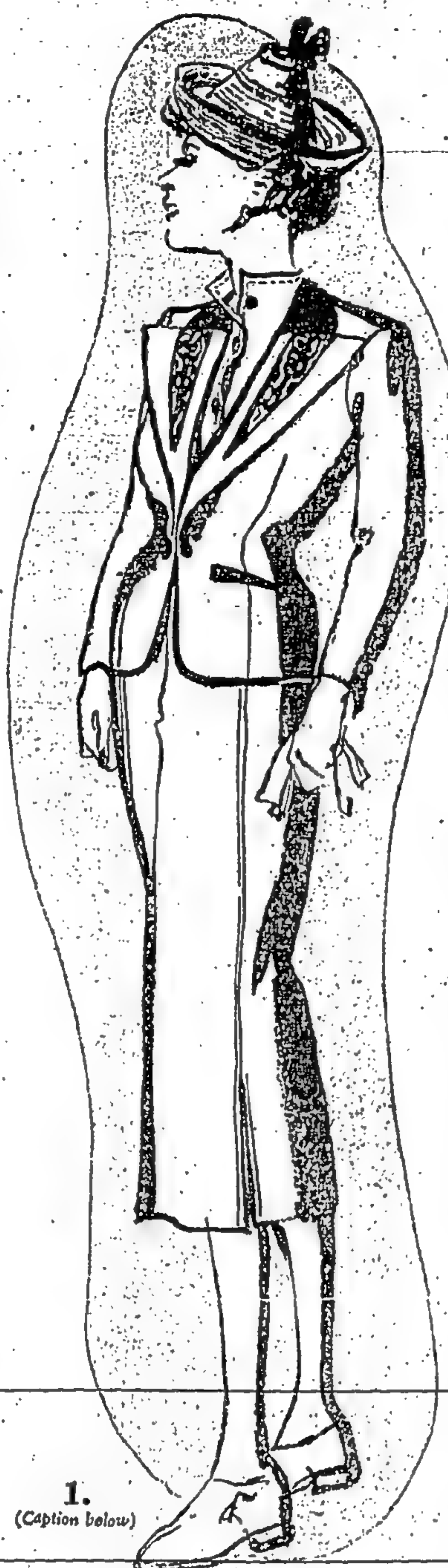
**LENGTH:** 14ins. from ground.

**OUTLINE:** Classical and un-exaggerated (no phoney shoulders or sleeves). Natural to high waist-line.

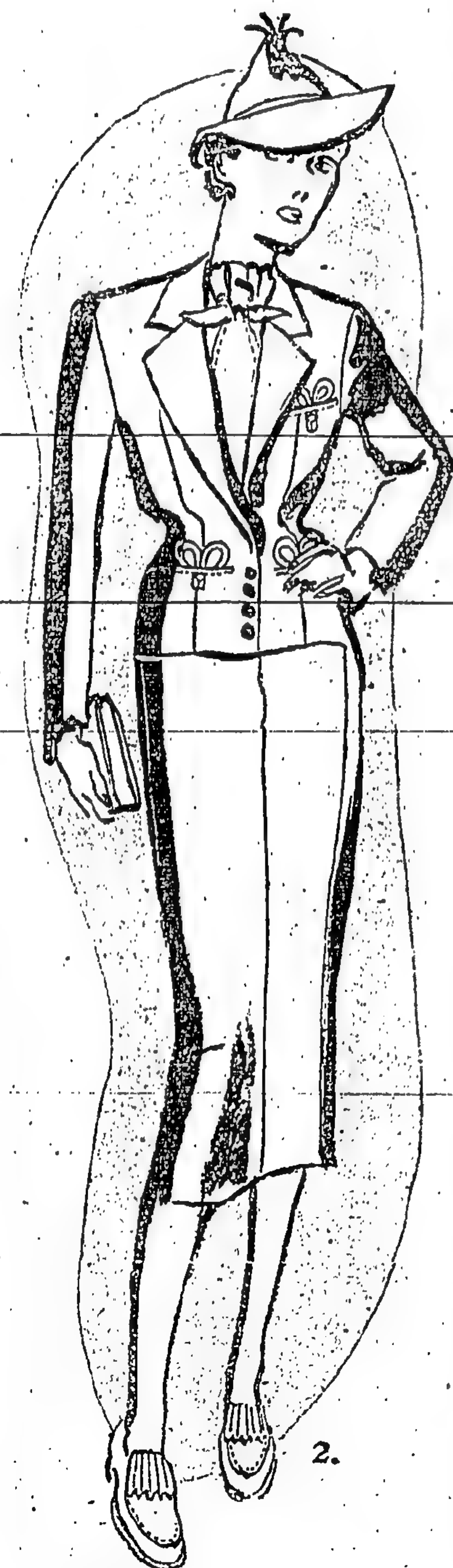
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1 (figure above). Suit of biscuit-coloured tussore with dark brown relief. Jacket: biscuit-coloured. Dark tussore lapels embroidered in silk. Pocket panels narrow at sides. Skirt: three panels with hidden pleat one side. Hat: coarse natural-coloured straw. Small Mexican shape. Dark ribbon. Jumper: suede, light, with dark buttons. Outlined dark coarse stitching.

2 Suit of dull green tweed. Jacket: decorated pockets, self stuff is stitched on to form bow loops. Skirt: close fitting; three lines of stitching panelling front. Jumper: deep green crepe de Chine. Note neck treatment: stock tucks under front bow. Hat: felt, brim wider in front. Shoes: very flat heels shown with most suits. Almost clog-shaped, brogue.



1.  
(Caption below)



2.

## BITS TO CUT-OUT

### Simple Cures

To prevent fatigue: Chew a little kola nut powder. It is a grand tonic and nerve stimulant, and will help to increase your powers of endurance.

For toothache: Apply oil of cinnamon or oil of cloves frequently on cotton wool to the aching tooth.

For hair-fall (if hair dry): Rub into the scalp a mixture of expressed oil of nutmeg 1 part to olive oil 3 parts.

For superficial cuts: Apply iodoform balm.

For rheumatism: The infusion of cassia bark is often helpful.

### Orange Cake

1/2 lb. flour, 1/2 lb. butter, 1/2 lb. sugar, 4 eggs.

Two oranges, a pinch of baking powder, glaze icing, butter icing. Beat the butter and sugar to a cream, and mix in the eggs one at a time. Add the grated rind of the oranges, the sieved flour, and baking powder. Fold in lightly, place in a deep sandwich tin lined with greased paper, and bake in a moderate oven for about thirty minutes.

When cool, cut into layers, and sandwich with butter icing to which has been added the juice of one orange. Coat with glaze icing, coloured orange and flavoured with the juice of the other orange.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

## 1400 A. D. RECIPES

THEY'RE WORTH TRYING

If we read cookery books (an amusing and virtuous occupation) of all ages we find that the old ones are more interesting than useful; but they throw a light on the modes and manners of a period, and help us to visualise life in those old days.

As for the recipes themselves, their main interest, as a rule, is not of a culinary nature as far as we are concerned, and we must consider them as curious museum pieces, by which I mean those which are several centuries old.

The proportions were enormous, the indications extravagant and the mixture of flavours alarming. They were also incredibly gross.

Yet we can distinguish the elements, the ideas which later will combine to make the dishes as we appreciate them at present.

The "Gothic Cooking," for instance, belonging to the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, contains several dishes and sauces of the same kind as we find now in Nordic countries, with a sweet element added to the flavour of meat.

The most famous ones were the Sauce de trahison, which was made with chopped onion melted with chopped bacon mixed with bread-crumbs and finished with red wine, vinegar, cinnamon, sugar and mustard. Apart from the unusual sugar and cinnamon, this might be the ancestor of our spicy "Sauce Diable."

But a sauce called Eau Benite seems to us terribly Gothic—boil together rose water, verjuice, ginger and marjoram, and strain.

Yet the 16th century was to see the freakish fashion of perfuming every sauce and dish with iris, rose and ambergris, even of feeding bowls with pills of musk so that their flesh should be impregnated with the scent.

However, there are a few, very few, recipes dating from these days which we can use to-day with pleasure. The following are interesting and also good specimens.

### Gallimaufry

TAKE a leg of lamb and remove the skin, the fat and the bone. Cut the flesh in pieces the size of a large walnut and insert into each with a larding needle one or two thin pieces of streaky bacon rolled in chopped parsley.

Put a small quantity of olive oil in a saucepan; when hot put in the pieces of meat, salt, pepper and a bouquet of thyme and parsley.

Fry them lightly, tossing them well, then put in a glass of brandy which you set alight, shake till the flames die out. Add slices of mushroom, a little coulis, "anything you like" says the author.

Cook very slowly till tender and squeeze a little lemon juice.

Dispose around the meat in the dish chestnuts which have previously been cooked, and pour the sauce all over.

The coulis in question is not described. It must have been something to make a short sauce and give a spicy taste; cream, the burnt brandy, the liquid out of the meat and the mushrooms being the other elements in the finished sauce.

Therefore there should be just enough oil to sear the meat at the beginning, otherwise the sauce would not be nice.

### Lemon Omelette

THIS is a sweet omelette. As the old book spells it, "aumelette," made with the usual proportions of eggs, two for each person. When beaten, add, also for each person, a tablespoonful of breadcrumbs and a little lemon-peel, finely chopped.

Sprinkle the finished omelette with sugar, and glaze quickly with a red iron or a salamander.

### Broiled Trout

TAKE out the entrails, cut the fish across the side (by which is obviously meant a few superficial incisions here and there), and wash them. Fill the cuts with thyme, marjoram and parsley, chopped fine.

Set the gridiron on the fire, rub the bars with suet, and lay the trout on, basting them with fresh butter until they are well "broiled."

Serve with a sauce of butter and vinegar and the yolk of an egg beaten well together.

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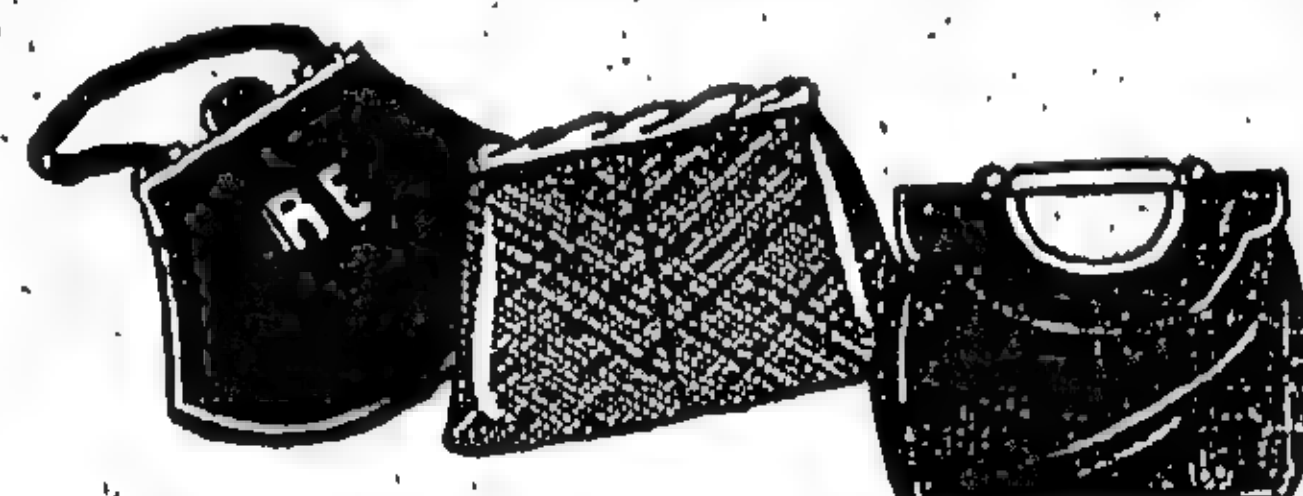
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# HOW BRITAIN PROPOSES TO UTILISE DEFENCE FUNDS

## Navy, Army And Air Force Expansion

IN accordance with a request made in the House of Commons when the Defence Bill was introduced the Government has now issued a White Paper setting forth in brief detail the programme of Defence that it proposes to undertake.

The paper, which is published in full below, states that although authority is sought to raise a maximum of £400 millions for services from April this year to April 1942 it does not imply that the whole of this sum will in fact be raised, nor does it represent the total cost of expenditure on Defence.

The opportunity is taken to indicate the width of the field necessarily covered by the Defence programme in consequence of the extent of the deficiencies to be made good, the underlying strategic requirements and the changing conditions of modern warfare.

The paper states that the modernisation of the defences of strategic points in various parts of the Empire is in itself a formidable item in the cost of the Defence programme.

## STRATEGIC POINTS IN EMPIRE FORMIDABLE ITEM IN COST

THE White Paper reads:—

In the statement made in the House of Commons on February 11, the Chancellor of the Exchequer explained that, while defence expenditure during the ensuing years could not equitably be met entirely from revenue, and must in part rest on appropriations from capital, neither the total amount which must be raised from capital, nor the total period over which such capital expenditure must be spread, could at present be predicted.

Constitutional usage requires that the Bill now proposed to be introduced should specify upward limits which cannot be exceeded except by further statutory authority.

The authority which His Majesty's Government seek for the issue of sums not exceeding in the aggregate £400 millions, to be applied as appropriations in aid of the moneys provided by Parliament for the Defence Services over the five years from April 1, 1937, to March 31, 1942, does not imply that the whole of this sum will in fact be raised.

The figure of £400 millions represents the maximum aggregate sum to be provided from borrowed moneys or from the Old Sinking Fund towards the cost of Defence which Parliament will be asked to authorise.

**MODIFICATIONS**  
The whole Defence programme will, however, remain flexible and will be subject to such modification as circumstances may demand. If conditions should permit, the programme will be curtailed or its execution will be spread over a longer period.

If events, which cannot now be foreseen, should show that amendment is called for, either in the maximum amount or in the period of years specified in the proposed Resolution, the necessary measures will be submitted to Parliament.

3. In the meantime, as explained in the Memorandum dated February 11, on the proposed Resolution (Cmd. 5368), Parliament will retain full control over Defence expenditure.

The whole of such proposed expenditure will continue to be shown in the Estimates laid before the House of Commons, and will be subject to the normal methods of Parliamentary scrutiny and authorisation.

It will also be provided that the sums which may be appropriated in aid of Defence expenditure under the Bill must not in the course of any financial year exceed the sums shown in the Estimates laid in connection with the Votes approved by the House of Commons by Resolution in Supply.

## II GROWTH IN COMPLEXITY AND COST OF NEW ARMAMENTS GENERALLY

4. In the White Paper presented to Parliament in March, 1936, (Cmd. 5107), an outline was given of the objectives aimed at, with an indication of the principal measures necessary for the reconditioning of the Navy as part of the coordinated plan which had been drawn up.

## MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

As that paper shows, great importance has from the outset been attached to dealing with the problems of Defence by elastic means susceptible of adaptation in the light of changes in world conditions and of the new needs which arise from the intensive application of scientific research and invention to the problems of Defence.

5. The essential features of the White Paper of March 1936 remain unchanged, although certain measures of acceleration have been approved by Parliament. On the present occasion, therefore, it is unnecessary to repeat in detail the information given a year ago as to the programme of His Majesty's Government.

Rather the opportunity is taken to indicate the width of the field necessarily covered by the Defence programme in consequence of the extent of the deficiencies to be made good, the underlying strategic requirements and the changing conditions of modern warfare.

6. Recent years have witnessed an immense elaboration of the mechanical equipment of Fighting Services in many countries. Modern forces, whether on land, at sea, or in the air, must, if they are to be effective, be provided with arms and defences more ingenious and formidable and far more costly than any ever conceived a generation ago.

**MAINTENANCE**  
Moreover, it is not sufficient to equip a force in the first instance; it must be assured also of the swift and steady replacement of its equipment and supplies as war proceeds.

This is a circumstance which has a most important bearing on the cost of the Defence programme.

7. The growth in the destructive powers of Air Forces and their increasing range compel the adoption of a whole system of new measures, necessarily involving heavy cost, for air defence at home and overseas and for the protection of the civil population.

8. While the necessity for modern equipment for protection against air attack is common to many nations, the wide dispersal of the territories comprised within the British Empire and the dependence of these islands upon supplies from overseas lay a special responsibility upon British Forces and, above all, upon the Navy to preserve the freedom of communication overseas, which is vital to our existence.

The modernisation of the defences of strategic points in various parts of the Empire is, in itself, a formidable item in the cost of the Defence programme.

## III THE NAVY Construction Of New Ships

9. There is no need to amplify the statement of the Navy's functions contained in the White Papers presented to Parliament in 1935 and 1936 (Cmd. 4827 and 6107). Heavy expenditure must be incurred over the next few years if the Navy is to be brought up to the strength necessary to ensure that it will be in a position to perform these functions.

10. New construction constitutes one of the main heads of this expenditure. In normal times it is of great advantage to arrange new construction programmes so as to ensure that the number of new vessels of each type to be laid down shall be approximately the same in each year.

If this plan can be followed the costs of construction are spread evenly, and the Navy never finds itself at any time in a position that an undue proportion of the fleet consists of old or obsolescent ships.

11. In present circumstances, however, an even spread of new building is impossible, and for some years the country will be constrained to undertake a series of heavy building programmes.

The main reasons for this course are, first, that a considerable number of our existing ships are war-built and are, or will shortly become, obsolete, and second, that no vessels of certain types were built for a number of the years immediately after the war.

**AIRCRAFT CARRIERS**  
12. Of our fifteen capital ships, only two, the *Queen Elizabeth* and the *Valiant*, were laid down before the war. Until the expiry of the London Naval Treaty on December 31, 1936, it was not possible to lay down any new vessels of this type.

Two such ships (costing approximately £8,000,000 each) were included in the 1936 new construction programme, and preliminary steps have been taken which will result in the ordering of three further capital ships only in the financial year 1937-8 as part of the new construction programme for that year, an amount that programme has received Parliamentary authority.

13. In regard to cruisers, it was stated in the White Paper of March 1936 that our aim was to increase the total from about 60 to 70, of which 60 would be under-age and 10 over-age, and that five cruisers would be included in the 1936 programme.

Later, a measure of acceleration was deemed necessary, and the number of cruisers in the 1936 programme was raised to seven. It is anticipated that seven will be included in the 1937 programme.

Some acceleration was also decided upon in the construction of aircraft carriers. Two of these vessels, instead of one as originally contemplated, were laid down in 1936, and two further vessels of this type will probably be included in the 1937 programme.

**AVERAGE COST**  
15. The results of this increased building programme upon Navy Estimates may be indicated by a consideration of the average cost of the new vessels. The figures for the three years of the complete cost of all vessels laid down in any particular year.

The average cost for the years 1931-4 was less than £12 million, but the cost of the 1936 programme, including the measures of acceleration referred to in the preceding paragraph, will be nearly £20 million. It is estimated that the cost of the 1937 programme will be substantially higher.

16. In addition to new construction, however, expenditure must also be incurred in modernising existing vessels. This applies, not only to capital ships, but also to cruisers. The provision of improved anti-aircraft defence is required.

At the same time the acquisition in sufficient quantity and proper quality of the armaments, fuel, stores and various equipment and supplies which the Navy requires has also to proceed.

17. The programme will involve a further large increase in the strength of the personnel of the Navy, as expenditure on the provision or adaptation of new quarters, and on improvements in the Dockyards and other Naval Establishments, more particularly in connection with storage for ammunition, oil fuel and other reserves.

18. The Fleet Arm is being substantially increased in numbers of aircraft, and considerable measures of re-equipment are also necessary to keep pace with the evolution of more powerful types.

**IV THE ARMY Modernisation Of Equipment**  
19. It was stated in the White Paper of March 1936 that the only increase in the number of fighting units in the Army since the Armistice was the creation of four new battalions of Infantry. These units are required for maintaining our overseas garrisons. Two of them are to be raised in the near future.

Certain additional increases are necessary. These include two new Army Tank battalions, one of which will be raised in the near future, and certain ancillary troops necessary to enable a modern force to operate effectively in the field.

20. While recruiting has already shown some slight improvement, it has been decided to adopt certain measures designed to improve conditions in the Army and to make the Service more attractive. Details of this scheme will be announced shortly.

The adoption of these measures will bring about a considerable increase in normal maintenance costs, as a result of the increased numbers which it is expected will be borne on the strength, and of the additional expenditure arising from the measures designed to stimulate recruiting.

**MILITARY EQUIPMENT**  
21. The main increase in expenditure on the Regular Army falls, however, under the heading of equipment. Viewed from the standpoint of the variety and extent of our Imperial responsibilities, or of comparison with continental forces, our Regular Army is very small in numbers. It is, therefore, all the more important that its equipment and organisation should be brought up to the highest standard in all respects.

Accordingly, steps are now in active progress for the modernisation of the equipment of the field artillery, infantry and armoured divisions. The progress of mechanisation, involving the provision of a complete system of motor transport and of armoured vehicles of all types, is being accelerated.

The requirements of modern war demand the accumulation of immense reserves of ammunition to cover the first months before productive capacity can be increased, and the necessary arrangements for this provision are being made.

**BARRACK ACCOMMODATION**  
22. For the time being the urgent needs of the Regular Army have had to take priority over those of the Territorial Army. But in any survey covering a period of years account must be taken of the requirements of the latter, more especially since the training of the Territorial Army is at present severely handicapped by the lack of modern equipment.

Plans are being drawn up to remedy this situation, and steps will be taken, as soon as supply position permits, to enable the Territorial Army to train

with the same types of weapons as those with which the Regular Army is equipped.

23. During the next few years it will be necessary to make provision in Army Estimates for heavy capital expenditure on works services in order to bring barracks accommodation up to modern standards and to provide the additional storage, workshops and buildings required for modern mechanised forces.

**V THE AIR FORCE Largest Acquisition Of New Aerodromes**  
24. It was stated in the White Paper of March 1936 that the prime function of the Royal Air Force is to provide an effective deterrent to any attack upon the vital interests of this country whether at home or overseas. It may be added that in recent years the range and performance of modern aircraft have undergone rapid development and this country has become in effect a world power in air attack.

The strength of the Royal Air Force has become a matter of paramount importance, and no effort has been or is being spared to bring that Force up to the strength and standard of efficiency which His Majesty's Government deem requisite for our safety.

This aim entails both substantial expenditure of a capital nature and a large increase in recurrent costs.

The programme for the Royal Air Force includes the acquisition and preparation of large numbers of new aerodromes, with the building of over 75 operational, training, and other stations at home and abroad. The increase in the number of aerodromes entails corresponding additions to the capacity of training and other ancillary establishments generally.

The personnel of the Force has already risen from 31,000 in 1934 to over 60,000 in 1936, while a further large increase is contemplated in the coming financial year.

**NEW AERO ENGINES**  
25. As regards equipment, the main requirement of the Royal Air Force consists, of course, of the very large numbers of air-frames and aero-engines necessary to equip the new squadrons and to provide sufficient reserves to ensure that the first-line strength can be adequately maintained on active service.

Further, the development of new types, which is constantly proceeding, tends to result in the production of more efficient, but at the same time more costly machines.

26. Other items required by the programme of expansion include the provision of specialised equipment for aircraft, stores of bombs and other ammunition, equipment for the maintenance of motor transport and the storage accommodation required for reserves of all kinds.

27. It must be appreciated that the scale of expenditure on the maintenance of the Royal Air Force which obtained before the present measures of expansion were adopted will be very largely increased to provide for the future upkeep of the Force, even when the initial expenditure on the expansion programme has been met.

**VI RESERVE FACTORY CAPACITY Emergency Measures For Aircraft And Munitions.**  
28. The measures briefly referred to in the preceding paragraphs would not, however, suffice to meet the needs of the Defence Services, unless adequate preparations were made in peace time to ensure a sufficient supply of munitions and stores in time of emergency.

For this reason steps are being taken to build up what has come to be known as a "war potential".

Thus in the aircraft industry, over and above the expansion of the capacity of the existing aircraft firms, steps have been taken to build "shadow" aircraft factories.

These factories will be available in any emergency to provide aircraft in large quantities, and since they will be used in the first instance to supply aircraft required by the expansion scheme, the engineering firms who are co-operating in the scheme will thereby gain invaluable experience in the technique of aircraft manufacture.

29. The same principle is being adopted in regard to the supply of other types of munitions. Extensions of plant are being laid down by firms not normally engaged on the production of munitions, and the orders placed with these firms fulfil the double purpose of making good existing deficiencies, and of providing means for the rapid expansion of output in war time.

**MUNITION FACTORIES**  
These extensions of capacity are being made under arrangements which ensure their retention over a period of years, after the existing orders have been completed, in a form capable of rapid turnover to munitions in the event of emergency.

30. In making plans for the industrial resources required by the Forces it is necessary to have regard to the risks of air attack. Steps have been requisite in various instances to ensure that sources of essential supplies are sufficiently dispersed, and in some cases a degree of duplication of essential services is necessary even at the cost of some increase in expenditure.

31. A number of new Government factories for the manufacture of explosives, and for the filling of shells and bombs, are being built or planned. These factories represent in part the removal to safer localities of existing establishments, and in part the additions required to bring capacity up to the increased needs of the three Services.

32. Steps are also being taken to see that national establishments and industries, vital to the Defence Services, are not paralysed by the shortage of certain essential raw materials. The accumulation of essential reserves for these and other purposes is in hand, and will of course, involve very substantial expenditure.

The provision of adequate supplies of fuel of the types required by each of the three Services and for civilian needs, as well as their protection and replenishment in the event of war, have received special consideration.

**VII HOME DEFENCE**  
33. The needs of Home Defence now require a number of specific measures of a certain essential nature.

Foremost among these is the provision of anti-aircraft defence. Two divisions of the Territorial Army have been re-formed and greatly expanded for this essential service, and further expansion is to take place during the forthcoming year.

This expansion involves the provision of new Territorial Army headquarters of new Territorial Army headquarters.

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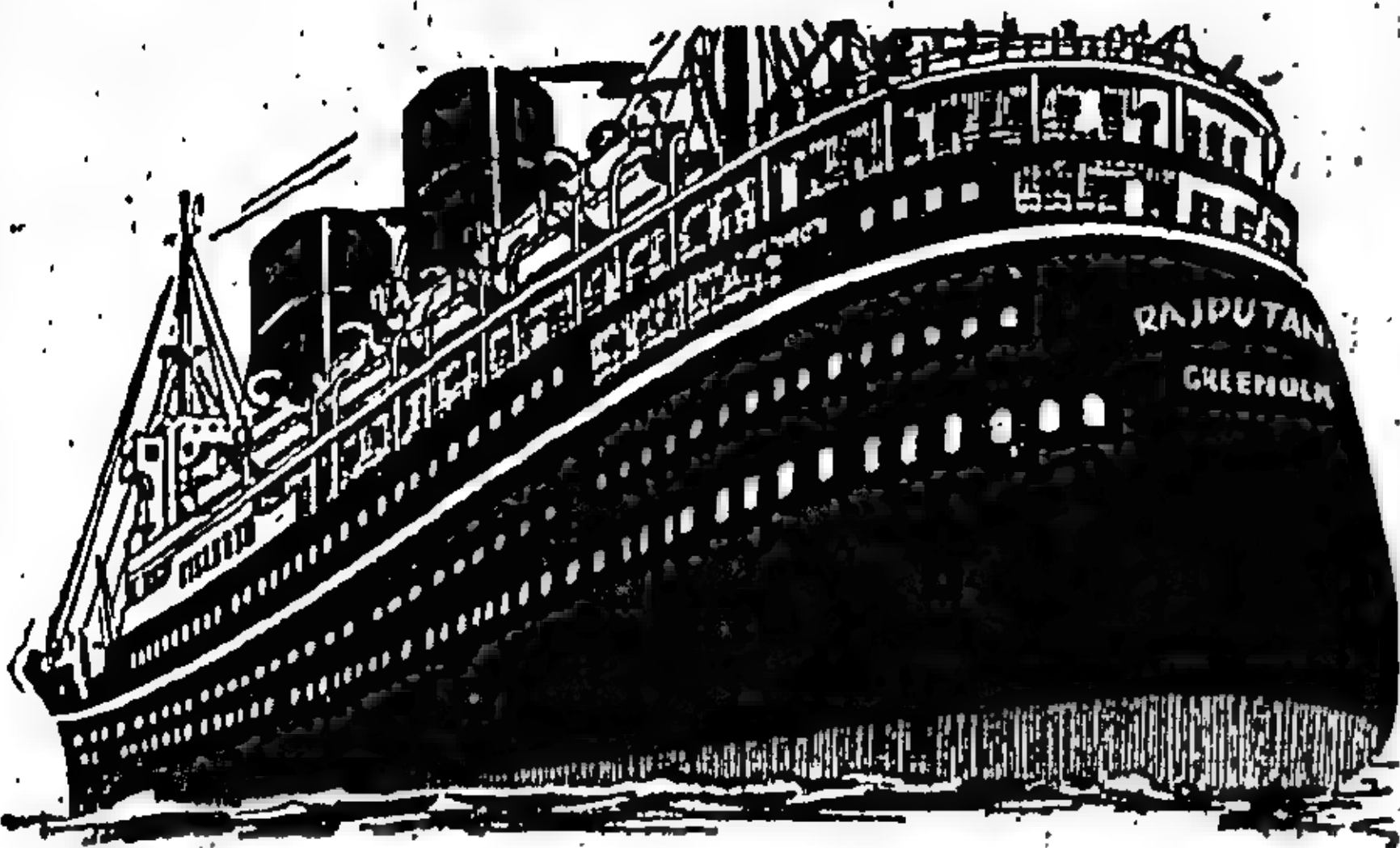
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## BLUELAND LANDING PARTY MOWED DOWN BY MACHINE-GUNS

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I could hear soft curses from members of our party who had hurriedly to flop into paddy-fields as the Very lights brilliantly lit the scene.

### MARINES WIPED OUT

We could have saved ourselves the trouble. Reconnaitre machine gun emplacements suddenly barked into life and within five minutes had virtually wiped out Blue-land's Royal Marines. The survivors, including myself, retreated into the shrub, from where we proceeded at the double, for four miles.

Our luck changed when we came unawares upon two lorry loads of Kumaon Rifles, evidently proceeding to the scene of our conflict of a few minutes before. In a brisk engagement we captured both lorries, drove off a patrol armoured car which came on the scene at the first hint of gun-fire and succeeded in holding our position for two hours.

As it was obvious that heavy reinforcements would soon be on the scene, our Commanding Officer gave the order to retreat, and, just as dawn was breaking, we succeeded in returning to our beach, from where, in response to carefully guarded light signals, we were taken off to our ships, immediately putting out to sea again.

Our aerial attacks designed to harass and terrorise the civilian populace, were virtually brought to an end by poor visibility, although Fleet Air Arm planes made one or two reconnaissance low-flying forays. Just before I tumbled into my bunk for a well-earned sleep, I heard the roar of a plane taking off from Derwick.

### OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

A communique to the press, issued from Military Headquarters, at 2 p.m. to-day states:

The past twenty-four hours have witnessed a number of Blue attacks of all natures at various points of Redland. No state of war exists at present between Northland and Redland.

Last night enemy destroyers attacked the Eastern and Western entrances. The Eastern entrance attacks resulted in a small party of the enemy entering the fort at Devil's Peak and doing damage to a gun. The party was driven off and one Blue destroyer was sunk. The gun will be repaired by noon to-day. The attacks on the Western entrance were beaten off and two Blue destroyers were sunk; a gallant attempt by the enemy to land at Stonecutters Island was easily repulsed. Red patrol craft did valuable work in detecting and reporting Blue destroyers and submarines off Red coast line at various points.

Blue air action has been hampered by bad flying conditions. Considerable damage has however been inflicted—at Kai Tak and on the civilian petrol installations in particular. Three Blue aircraft have been damaged by Red anti-aircraft fire.

### LANDING EFFECTED

Blue landed a considerable force on the Northern and Southern shores of Starling Inlet about 11 p.m. The approach was detected by Red patrol vessels and the Northern landing was engaged by Volunteer beach machine guns and a detachment of the Kumaon Rifles. One Blue party was decimated by the Volunteers. Elements of Kumaon Rifles were sent forward in lorries to reinforce but fell into a trap and were captured. Blue succeeded in doing considerable damage to Red communications and electric power installations East of Fanning. The party then withdrew voluntarily, their withdrawal being harassed by Red armoured cars, one of which crashed into a well-hidden road-crater and was ditched. Red territory is intact. Blue's action during the night might be summarized as a number of raids by sea, land and air in an endeavour to inflict material damage and to cause Red Commanders to dissipate their strength. In regard to the latter, the

## TEN YEARS FOR HEROIN TRAFFICKER

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Abbott explained that the reason why he did not call Wong was because when he cross-examined accused yesterday, the latter said he would like to have the man give evidence, though the distance would call him.

### STORY TRUE

Counsel submitted that accused did make the offer of a bribe to Revenue Officer Ward. He claimed the luggage as his in English, and therefore it could reasonably be inferred that he could speak that language. That he had knowledge of the drug could be gauged by the fact that he made the offer before all the powder had been found.

Continuing, Mr. Abbott contended that the prisoner's story could be true, for Wong travelled on the same ship and could have brought the luggage himself. Furthermore, accused was arrested on January 4 and it was not until yesterday that he incriminated Wong.

In the course of his summing-up, the Chief Justice said that accused had been extremely anxious to prevent Revenue Officer Ward from communicating with his superior officer. The reason he gave for this was because the interpreter who was with R. O. Ward had offered to arrest his friend for him. This was strenuously denied by the interpreter, who testified that he had no conversation with accused.

A strong point in favour of the defence, continued His Lordship, was that the drug was cleverly concealed. He pointed this out because prisoner had alleged that Wong asked him to take the luggage. There was no direct evidence that accused had knowledge of the drug, but on the other hand it was very difficult to understand why he should not say that it belonged to Wong, immediately on his arrest.

His Lordship concluded by reminding the jury not to be influenced or swayed by what they might have read or heard of the case but to consider their verdict on the evidence before them.

The jury retired for about ten minutes, and returned verdicts of guilty by 6 to 1 on each count.

### DELIBERATE ATTEMPT

Passing sentence, His Lordship said: If I may say so, the verdict is one which is amply justified by the evidence. You have seen fit, for reasons known only to yourself, to take part in an extremely calculated and deliberate attempt to introduce dangerous drugs into this Colony in a very large quantity. You know the quantity, the importation of which you were a party, is sufficient to poison the whole population of this Colony. By using yourself, I take an extremely serious view and I cannot find anything that could be said in mitigation in regard to your case. This is a much more serious case of this type which has yet come before this Court. The sentence I pass on you is that you go to prison with hard labour for a period of ten years on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

His Lordship thanked the jury and said they would be exempted from next year's list.

## SHIPPING BILL PROGRESSES

The House of Commons, last night, by a vote of 192 to 86 gave second reading to the Merchant Shipping (Spanish Frontiers Observation) Bill which has already passed the House of Lords. Dr. Edward Baring, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, said the Bill, if passed by the House, would not be enforced until the principal maritime countries trading with Spain adopted similar legislation.—Reuter.

Blue plan has not succeeded. Use of carrier pigeons by the Royal Welch Fusiliers is proving a valuable adjunct to the system of communication.

## GUNS ALONE CANNOT GUARD PRESTIGE

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problems, they are trifling compared with the question of British prestige in the Far East at a time when the Pacific is looming larger year by year in world politics.

The War Office, the Admiralty, and the Air Ministry seem to realise the importance of Hongkong as an outpost to the Singapore base, and the British taxpayer would probably be astounded to see how much of his money has been sunk in defensive works there, during the past few years.

Truth's correspondent mentions that the Unofficial Members' protest to Whitehall pointed out that the transfer of Sir Andrew Caldecott to Ceylon coincided with the transfer of Mr. Herbert Phillips, Consul General at Canton, to Shanghai, and that the loss of these two officials, who have co-operated so harmoniously in promoting goodwill with the Chinese authorities in Canton, might have unfortunate effects on British policy in South China.

## FLOODS BURST DYKES

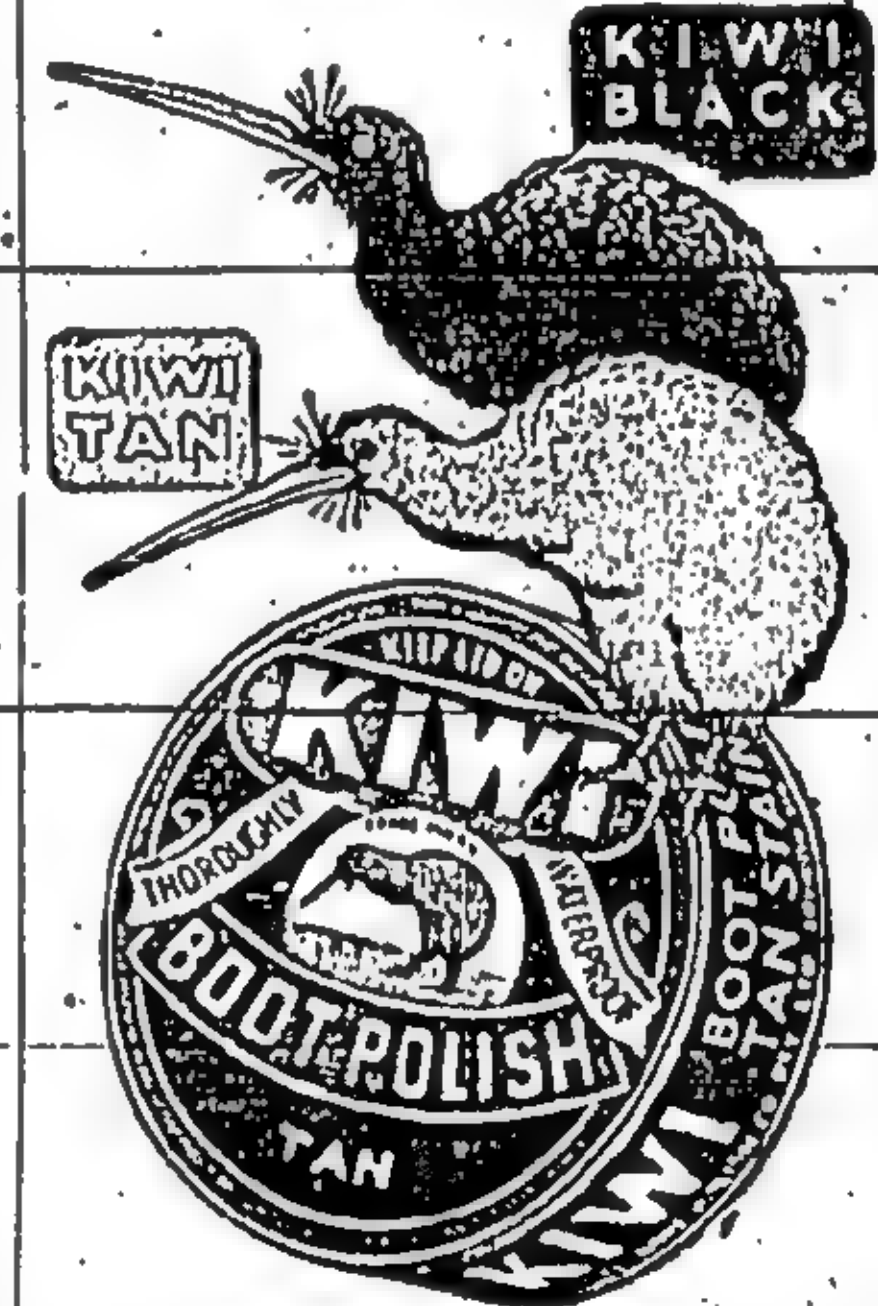
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attention and in order to be kept in close touch with the position from day to day a Ministry engineer is in the district.

Mr. Morrison added that according to the latest telephoned information the position was still critical, although there was a slight fall in the water level. The whole case, he said, is being closely watched by the Civil-military Boards concerned and all necessary remedial measures were being taken.—British Wireless.

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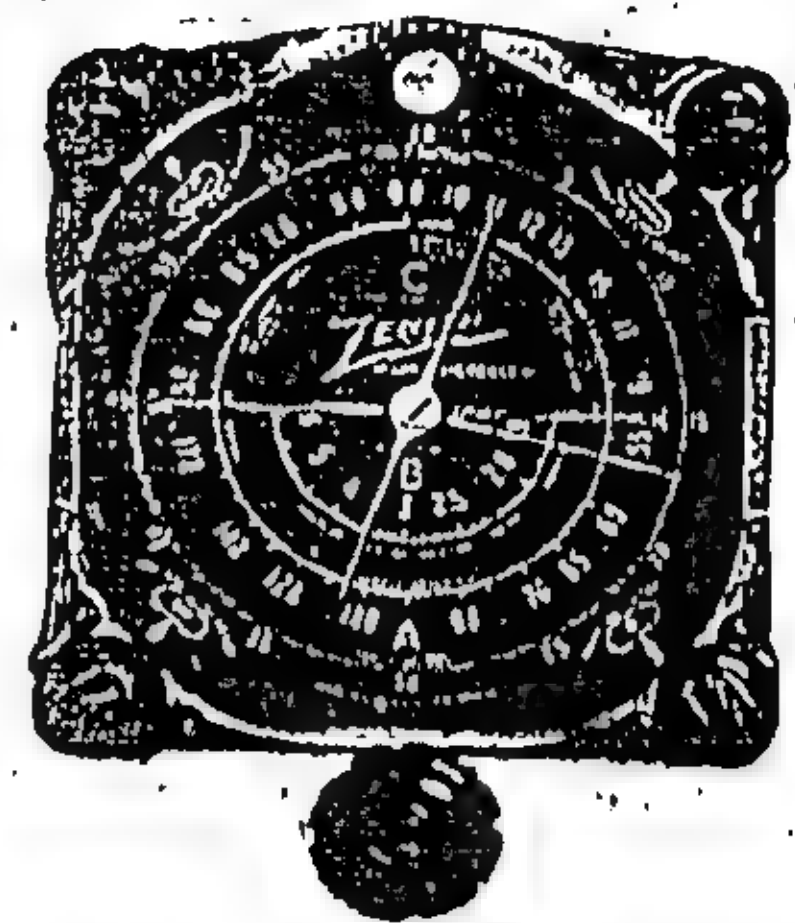
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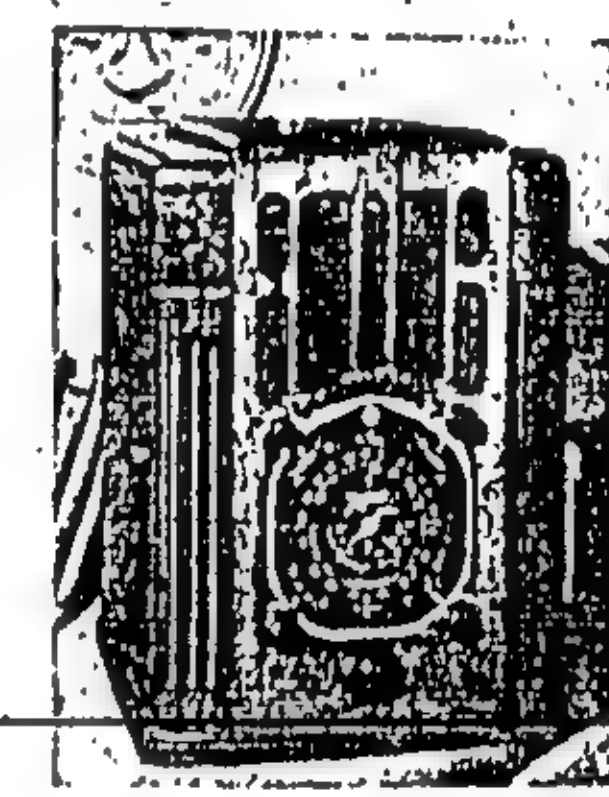
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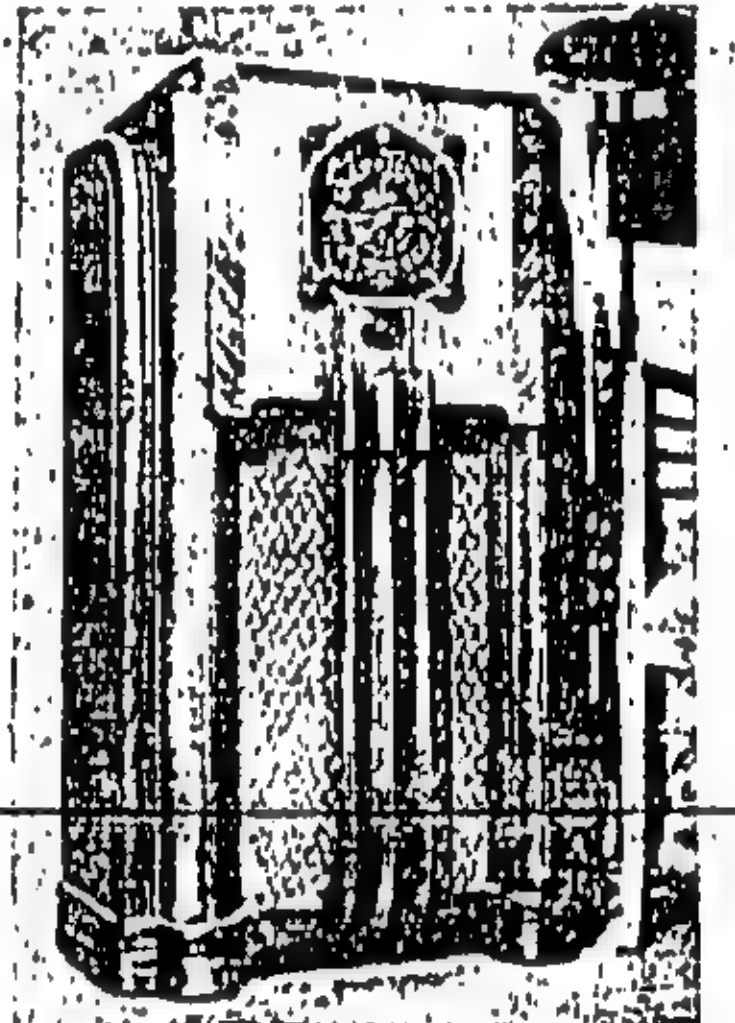
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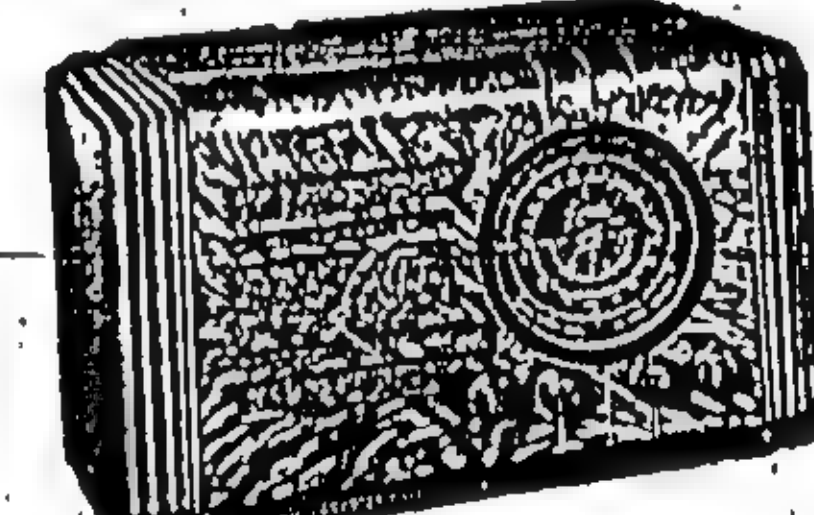
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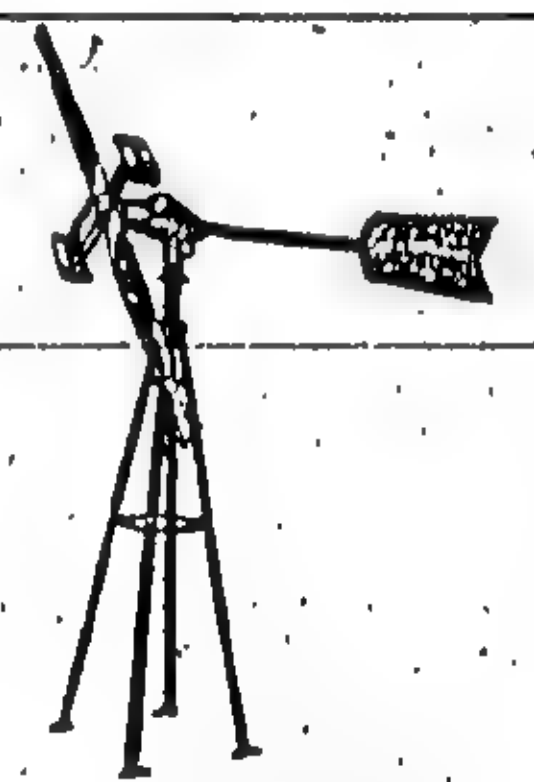
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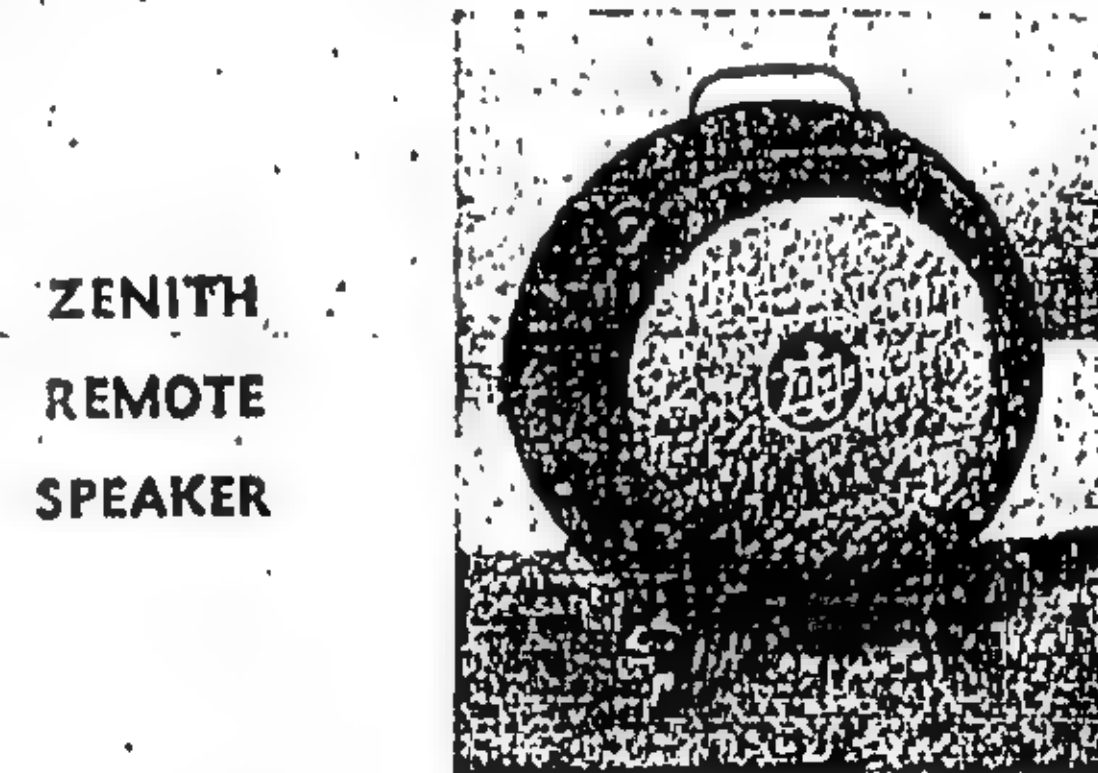
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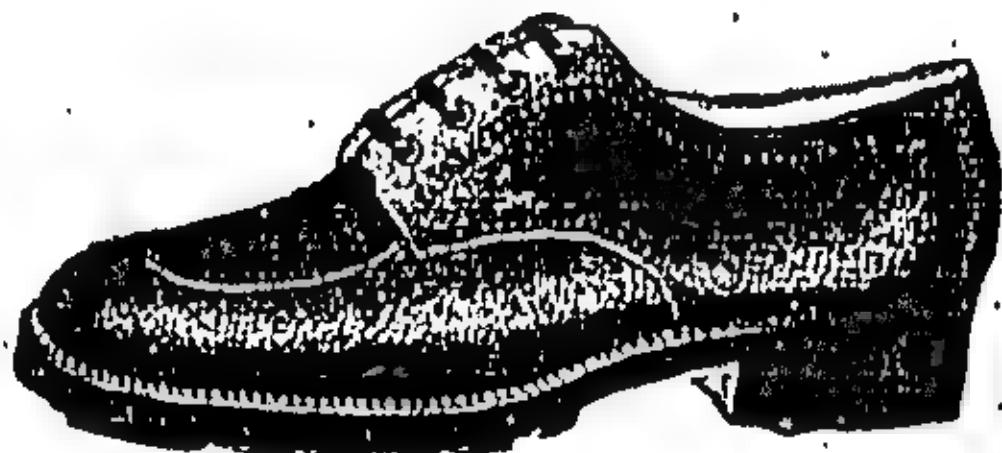
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## THE PASSING OF A STATESMAN

Britons everywhere, whatever their political views, will have learned with the deepest regret of the sudden passing of Sir Austen Chamberlain, noted son of a noted father. Politicians who had been accustomed to seeing his spruce figure and hearing his vibrant eloquence in the House of Commons in recent years found it difficult to realise that he had passed the allotted span of three score years and ten. Next to Mr. Lloyd George, the "Father" of the House, Sir Austen had been in Parliament longer than any other member, having been first elected over forty years ago. He was always the traditional "House of Commons man," and his fine Parliamentary gifts, his dignified bearing, and his unruffled courtesy won him the highest respect of all parties. There was a visible reminder of the elder Chamberlain, his father, in Sir Austen, who sat, as his parent did, with a monocle screwed into one eye, his hat tipped back and his legs stretched out. Sir Austen and his single eyeglass seemed never parted, no more so than his father and his monocle. There were other physical resemblances, though politically father and son travelled along somewhat different roads. Sir Austen's death will not mean, so long as his half-brother, Neville, is on the political scene, a severance of the last link in the House with his father. Neville Chamberlain, now Chancellor of the Exchequer, and a certainty as the next Prime Minister, is well on the way to seventy, but he is a man of marked virility, in spite of his years, and it was his ascendancy in the last few years that marked Sir Austen's withdrawal to the political background. It is in the sphere of foreign affairs that Sir Austen made his greatest mark, and Locarno will ever be associated with his name. Unhappily, at the moment the conclusion of a new accord to replace the treaty which Germany denounced seems beset with obstacles. In the past few years, Sir Austen displayed a rather more mellow outlook on politics than when he held office. He focussed public attention on the slum clearance problem by some remarkably eloquent and moving appeals for the "under-dog" liv-

## With the whole World to Choose from (Hongkong)

"THE sentence is that you be debarred from living in Hongkong for the rest of your life. Every other town and city in the world, however, is open to you. You are, therefore, at liberty to choose the one in which you will spend the remainder of your days."

Sounds rather like a dream, doesn't it? Well, it was, but not of the customary kind. The vision came to me in the day-time, and was the direct result of finding myself homeless after I had decided to change from one flat to another.

HAS it occurred to you that it is not easy to select another place in which to live if for any odd reason you were thrown out of the one you like best?

I AM acquainted with most of the big places of the earth, and in quite a number I have friends who would offer a welcome. But which to pick out to pass the years that are left to me—there was the problem.

IN the end I made a list of the towns and cities I felt were qualified to provide me with the things I regarded as common-places in Hongkong. Trimmed, it contained these names: New York, Montreal, Halifax (Nova Scotia), Hamilton (Bermuda), Chicago, Colombo (Ceylon), Paris, Marseilles, Capetown, Salt Lake City, Le Touquet, Nice, Geneva, San Francisco, Reno, Rome, Copenhagen, Brussels, Berlin, Cologne, Naples, Moscow, Quebec, Kingston (Jamaica), Monte Carlo, Palma (Majorca), Madeira, Barcelona, Jersey, Detroit, Johannesburg, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Boston, Toronto.

THERE were over 20 more that did not pass the fairly high standard I had set. But 35 was enough to go on with, enough, indeed, even for an exile.

First to be struck out were Rome, Moscow, and Berlin, in that order. I have no wish to spend a moment in dictator-ruled countries, and as I am unable to discern much difference (particularly so far as liberty of the subject is concerned) between Fascism and Communism I counted Moscow with Rome and Berlin, and marked them out. I would hate to be one of three, and be left wondering whether the third member of the company was a spy.

EQUALLY I would hate to have my movements ordered, my enthusiasm curtailed to cheers for a person who had decreed I should raise them, and my identity sunk in a comic coloured shirt.

There are lovely regions in Rome and in Berlin and Moscow. But they would not suit me. I want no part of them. Mussolini and Hitler and Stalin can have the lot. When I vote I will vote as I wish to, not at the ring of a bell, or the unfurling of a flag, or the booming of a gun.

Le Touquet intrigued for a while, chiefly because I could always remember that if my sentence were lifted any of my air-pilot pals could run me home in about 20 minutes, and also because at certain seasons it is merely a part of Kensington, Surbiton, Westminster, Brixton, and Hampstead. But the resident hotel-keepers and tradesmen have the same trick of

ing in the squalid hovels of Birmingham and other great cities. Latterly, he declared that he was never happy with the name "Conservative." His unexpected death removes one of the finest types of Parliamentarians, one who was in every sense representative of the best in British political life.

by  
**TREVOR  
WIGNALL**

gouging, and of discovering with one glance the exact contents of a money packet, that was invented before they were put into long trousers by their fellows of Nice, Monte Carlo, Cannes, and other places on the French and Italian Riviera.

WITH the disappearance of Le Touquet went several others, but then my thoughts dwelt for a time on Colombo. Nice people there, and particularly the Sinhalese. It can be a bit trying when the heat is properly on, but there is much friendliness and very considerable hospitality.

But then I recalled the native quarters and the smells they exude; the resentment of the British (that is never very palpable, but that is definitely just below the surface). The rains, the winds, and the loss of caste

that can be occasioned if the white mixes too freely with the Sinhalese, even though the latter be of high birth.

I remembered just in time that a number of telegraph operators at Aden once told me they were not received by the other whites because they were regarded as workmen. As I could not stand the snobbery of the East for more than a day my pen went through Colombo.

I LINGERED long with Bermuda. Once I was stationed on the hill at Prospect, where the main barracks are built, and there were night, gazing over the moon-washed sea, when I wondered why anything so painfully lovely had been created by Bermudians, in the main, are steadfastly British, and a finer crowd I never hope to meet—but there is a prevailing wind that is hard on a wonky chest, hurricanes that can uproot trees, and a feeling of constant slight dampness that is not entirely pleasant. Bermuda got about 75 per cent. from me, but the remaining 2 per cent. was so important that again I had to look elsewhere.

San Francisco. Great difficulty now. Market St. and its busy life and laughter. The Golden Gate. Chinatown and its fascinations. It is cool enough on a summer's day in Frisco to need a light overcoat, and there are sufficient fogs to bring Hongkong right to one's nose. The dead Barbary coast provides for the thoughts enough romance to last a lifetime, and within easy reach there are places to go to that are guaranteed cures for ennui.

I COMPARED San Francisco with New York, Chicago, Toronto, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Halifax, but still Frisco won. The only town that threatened to nose it out was New York. I have so many friends there, and I know it so well. My brain was juggling with the two when flashes came of Quebec and Salt Lake City.

Both were immediately well in the running, but for differing reasons. Quebec has nearly everything—the switchback hills of San Francisco, the waterfront that is even better to watch than Battery Point, churches that have few equals, and a quaint atmosphere that deserves to be preserved in a bottle. Salt Lake City is not an oil painting, but I like the way it is conducted. I like the theories of the Mormons and their Church, and I like best of all the vast lake so filled with salt that it is impossible to sink.

Just at this stage I heard that I had but three more minutes to make up my mind, but that the judge, recognising my extremity, had varied the sentence by stating that I could pick six towns or cities for my exile, but that it was essential I should place them in one-two-three order. With sighs, I wrote them down thus: 1, San Francisco; 2, Salt Lake City; 3, Quebec; 4, New York; 5, Le Touquet; 6, Bermuda.

## Britain and U.S. Draw Closer

## MANILA SEES SIGNIFICANCE IN FRIENDLINESS

"Political observers in the Philippines see a new effort at Anglo-American rapprochement in current events in the Far East," says the Manila Bulletin in an editorial article published recently.

"At no time since the American occupation of the Philippines have there been so many expressions of Anglo-American friendship and such a free exchange of official visits."

"Part of the circumstances behind these visits is purely fortuitous. At the same time, many persons in the Philippines are unable to escape the belief that there is a deliberate and planned attempt on both sides to cultivate this friendship because of the deep-seated mutuality of interest of British and Americans in the Far East."

"Tension caused by the Keelung incident in which three British sailors were manhandled by Japanese caused the cancellation of the usual British naval visits to Tokyo. This cancellation accounted in part for the fact that the Philippines have entertained within the course of slightly more than six weeks 23 British ships and three different official delegations from Hongkong."

"The most important of these was the official visit of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Naval Station in China, Vice Admiral Sir Charles Little's call was in every sense official, and he was accorded the customary full official honours."

"Additional weight is given to this visit from Hongkong by the very recent statement of Admiral H.E. Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the American Asiatic Fleet. Aboard the flagship Augusta, he had just made a visit to the British Naval Station at Singapore and British newspapers in the Straits Settlements reported with enthusiasm that Admiral Yarnell had declared that visits back and forth between the British and American fleets would be much more frequent in the future than they have been in the past."

### WARM HOSPITALITY

"A further incident which added to this speculation took place when a British flying squadron, under the command of Air Commodore Sidney Smith, paid what was described as an unofficial call in the Philippines. They were received, however, with great enthusiasm by both the British and the American community in Manila; and were warmly in their praise of the hospitality which was

accorded them. . . . The British Air Ministry transmitted to Washington its official thanks for the courtesies which had been extended to Air Commodore Smith and his associates. So far as is known in Manila this is the first time that London has officially come into contact with Washington on the strength of an exchange of courtesies in the Philippines."

"It has long been recognised that the defence of the South China Sea from a naval standpoint is based upon a triangle. Its three points are Hongkong in the north, Manila to the east, and Singapore to the south. This is regarded by the British as an essential part of the entire naval defence of Australia. The strategic position of Manila in this plan is recognised."

"It was recently stated privately and unofficially by high ranking British naval officers that the presence of the American Asiatic Fleet in Manila added over 50 per cent. to the effectiveness of the British naval defences of Hongkong."

"British newspapers both on the China coast and in the Straits Settlements have been critical of the American withdrawal from the Philippines. At the present time, however, there appears to be growing tendency to forget this criticism and to emphasise the community of interest between the two countries."

"The exchange of courtesies between the two countries is therefore interpreted in some circles as the outward manifestation of a growing recognition of the need for close co-operation between the two governments in the Far East."

## TEST GAS ALARM SIGNALS

## STROMBOS SIRENS TO BE PURCHASED

For over an hour yesterday, Hongkong echoed and re-echoed with the screaming of an instrument designed to give the populace warning of gas attacks.

The instrument is a Strombos siren, an adaptation of the type used on the Western Front and in London during the Great War.

"For some time past it has been experimented with on the roof of the Imports and Exports Department building. Now it has been removed to Police Headquarters, where it was tried out yesterday."

There is no mistaking the noise of the Strombos. Its screeches have been heard as far away as Lyceum and Shamshuipo.

Police officers have been detailed to visit distant parts of the Colony to detect the noise of the siren, and their reports are understood to have disclosed a rather amazing range.

However, the local authorities will not content themselves with one siren. It is finally decided to adopt the Strombos siren, more than a dozen will be purchased by the Government. They will be erected on the Peak, in Kowloon, and at various other parts of the Colony—probably one to each police station.

Although the siren has been tested more than a dozen times since being installed in Hongkong, there are thousands of people who apparently have failed to hear it.

Practically no-one appears to have heard it in the vicinity of the busiest intersection—Pedder Street and Queen's Road.

## SIR J. CURRIE PASSES ON

London, Mar. 17.  
The death has occurred of Sir James Currie, K.C.M.G., who has been Director of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation since 1922.  
Sir James was also Chairman of the Governing Body of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad. During the Great War, he was Director of Training of Munition Workers in the Labour Supply Department of the Ministry of Munitions, and from 1919 to 1921 was Controller of the Industrial Training Department at the Ministry of Labour.  
Reuter Bulletin Service.







OUR WEEKLY  
HOCKEY FEATURE

## "The Pilgrim" Suggests

CHAMPIONS-REST  
THIS WEEKABOLITION OF MAMAK & UNITED TOURNAMENTS:  
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SHOULD TAKE CONTROLWILL PLAY  
FOR THE  
RESTMiss Hall (top  
left) of D.C.S.,  
Mrs. Holo (R.U.R.)  
top right, and Mrs.  
Weir (H.K. Ladies)  
opposite, who will  
be playing for the  
Rest against the  
Brawn Cup cham-  
pions on Saturday.TO-DAY'S  
TENNIS  
MATCHESKong Against  
Leonard

(By "Veritas")

The only singles match down for to-day in the tennis championships is between Paul Kong and J. W. Leonard, who meet in the second round. The encounter should provide much to interest.

Kong should certainly win, but Leonard's steadiness is likely to yield him several games. Leonard is not an easy player to beat, and I rather expect Kong will have to rely upon a forecourt attack. Leonard is thoroughly at home in baselinet duels.

We shall have a contrast of styles and probably some highly interesting exchanges.

Full programme is as under:

## OPEN SINGLES

Paul Kong v. J. W. Leonard.

## OPEN DOUBLES

Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheung v. Y. N. Tam and S. Wong.  
A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. Silva v. H. P. Ong and J. Hsu.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

B. M. Wood v. A. S. Read; V. R. Gordon v. J. C. Pool;  
H. Owen Hughes v. T. C. Monaghan.

## HANDICAP DOUBLES

G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst v. A. H. McBride and N. K. Littlejohn;  
A. T. Dow and H. D. Bidwell v. G. E. R. Rivett and B. O'M. Deane.

THRILLS  
OF THE  
BIG RACE

## Crack Jockey

Beaten By  
Head

London, Mar. 17.

The Lincolnshire Handicap, the first big race of the season opened with a real thrill to-day with the little apprentice jockey Douglas Smith fighting out a ding-dong finish with the master jockey, Gordon Richards.

Both were riding greys, and Smith got Marmaduke Jinks, starting at 33 to 1 and owned by Mrs. C. B. Robinson, home by a head in front of Mr. Martin Benson's Laureate, a 100 to 1 chance, with Mr. Davey's Coldron, a rank 66 to 1 outsider two lengths away for third place.

Thirty-two horses ran in the race, and both the winner and the third placed horse were trained in Yorkshire.

Two of the best-backed horses, Edgehill, a 10 to 1 favourite and Monte Sano, at 100 to 8 failed to catch the first 14 at the finish. Anyway, another well fancied competitor, lost its jockey close to home and when running fifth, but it was a beaten horse at that stage.

That the race was a real lottery and that the horses drawing high numbers had far too big an advantage was shown in the fact that the first six horses drew the following places—27, 25, 21, 20, 26 and 30.

The bookmakers actually admitted having won on the race!—*Reuter*.

Wales Wins  
Football  
ChampionshipBEAT IRELAND  
EASILY

London, March 17.

Wales to-day won the International Football Championship by beating Ireland at Wrexham by four goals to one.

A crowd of 25,000 watched the match in beautifully sunny weather, and they saw Ireland in impressive form during the early stages.

Griffiths was outstanding in the Welsh defence during this period.

Bryn Jones, Welsh inside left scored in the 25th minute after a clever combined movement, whereas the Irish forwards seemed to lose confidence. On the other hand Wales steadily improved and Glover, the centre-forward scored in the 32nd minute.

Wales led two-nil at half time.

In the 50th minute Glover scored again for Wales from Warren's pass, but Stevenson at inside left replied for Ireland when the Welsh goalkeeper dropped the ball.

Before the end Warren, Welsh left-winger obtained his team's fourth goal, and Wales ran out comfortable winners.—*Reuter*.

ARE there too many hockey tournaments in Hongkong? "The Pilgrim" Hongkong's best-informed hockey commentator says Yes. In the accompanying article he sets out his reasons why he has reached this conclusion, further pointing out that many of the competitions are organised outside of the Hongkong Hockey Association, which body is scarcely taking its rightful position as the parent of the game in this Colony.

"The Pilgrim" outlines a plan for the co-ordination of the existing tournaments to come under the single control of the H.K.H.A. He further emphasises the increasing part the Hockey Umpires Board should play in Hongkong. His article contains some of the most constructive criticism ever written about hockey in Hongkong.

RUMJAHN  
DID NOT  
IMPRESSGrose Like A  
Text-Book  
IMMACULATE LEE  
WAI-TONG

(By "Veritas")

Sirdar Rumjahn won his match against Frank Grose yesterday in the Colony open singles tennis championship, but it cannot be said that he looked a natural successor to Tsui Wai-pui as champion of the Colony. Only occasionally did he touch anything resembling champion's form, and chiefly he won on Grose's mistakes, which were numerous.

Grose offered much better opposition than generally anticipated. At times he played like a Mercer Beasley text book, making stylish-looking drives on both wings and following them up with winning volleys. He had Rumjahn running from side to side with his deeply placed drives, but so often, having lured Sirdar out of the net when he had the Indian at his mercy. These errors also usually came at vital stages of a game, and they certainly cost Grose the second set.

Rumjahn was unexpectedly thrust on to the defence for the major part of the match, and though he did score with some gorgeous shots, he was not so impressive as one naturally anticipated he would be.

Of the two Grose played the more attractive tennis, but he lacked steadiness and balance when these two qualities were chiefly needed.

## IMMACULATE TENNIS

Lee Wai-tong played immaculate tennis to beat Leys, the ball-serving Cricket Club exponent by 6-0, 7-5. Lee might have won easier for he led 4-2 and 5-3 in the second set, but Leys suddenly gained some reasonable control of his shots and with a succession of perfect lobs, pegged Lee back to five-all before the Chinese again assumed the ascendancy.

Leys, though serving with enormous strength and speed, did not have this shot under control, and he was guilty of many double faults. Even more disconcerting to him was Lee's clever return of his best deliveries, the Chinese employing a lot of back-spin cut which forced Leys up to the forecourt from where he was continually passed either with beautiful lobs or well placed cut drives.

Lee exploited all of his known shots in the course of the match, and he used them so effectively that one could not help ranking him on this display as a real threat to the title. He was never disconcerted, and placed the ball just where he liked. It was one of the coolest displays of brainy tennis seen in the championships for many a long day.

It was a pity Leys could not gain full control over the ball. In the second set he whipped out some first-rate ground shots, but he could not sustain a long rally and constantly cleared the lines by a yard. The failure of his service probably had an adverse effect upon him temperamentally, as it is usually a weapon formidable enough to win him his games. Lee Wai-tong proves once again that something more than a cannon-ball service is needed to win championship matches.

Yesterday's results were as follows:

There Are  
Too Many  
CompetitionsCO-ORDINATION IS  
ESSENTIAL

## New Plan Outlined

ONE of the most important features of sport in Hongkong is the rapid development of competitive hockey. The game has grown so quickly, has become so widely popular, that its demands have tended to outstrip the legislative efficiency of the Hongkong Hockey Association, which is supposed to safeguard the game's interests in the Colony. In fact one is led to this conviction: that at the present time there are too many hockey tournaments in Hongkong.

Here, for example, is a list of the competitions now in existence for the men:

The Mamak Tournament  
The United Tournament  
The Triangular Tournament  
The International Tournament  
The Inter-Section Tournament

And on top of these competitions, some of which are run on knock-out lines, others as leagues, there are numerous representative games, and Interiors.

This season, for instance, we have all of the competitions noted above, and in addition, there has been the visit here of the Waseda University which carried a programme of seven matches, plus six trial games, followed by an interport against Macao, and possibly another interport to come against Shanghai.

Altogether much too strenuous a season for an individual player who happens to be in the A class, and therefore liable to be called upon to figure in the majority of the events.

## MY SUGGESTIONS

Because of this I would like to suggest that the Hongkong Hockey Association organise a competition, which might be called the Victoria Hockey Tournament, or the Hongkong Hockey Tournament, or some such name. That this competition be divided into three divisions, open to all Army, Navy and Civilian teams. That permission be obtained from the parent body in England for trophies to be offered in each division. That the list of players be kept in a book of hockey enthusiasts only too anxious to donate a cup or shield for such a purpose.

This tournament, I suggest, is used to take the place of the existing Mamak and United Tournaments, so that the whole of the Colony's hockey competitions will come under the direct control of the Association.

The Triangular Tournament should include a team representing the Civilian Clubs instead of the Hongkong Hockey Club as at present, and this would also do away with the necessity of a Civilian v. Services match.

The following would be the various competitions run by the Association: H.K.H.A. Tournament (three divisions with home and away games)

Triangular Tournament.  
Interiors and Representative Games

Civilian and Services teams to-day are being encouraged to join a whole host of competitions with very little chance of being in a position to complete their fixture lists, and there does seem room for some plan of co-ordination, preferably, in fact necessarily, under the aegis of the Hongkong Hockey Association.

## UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

What's more the Umpires Hockey Board would figure prominently in such a plan. Its functions would be greatly enlarged, for among other things it would be responsible for appointing qualified umpires for all tournament games as well as for examining umpires with a view to their qualifying.

This also raises the question of the importance of creating an Umpires Association, which body could deal with matters such as payment of fees to umpires as suggested in these columns a few weeks ago, and generally speaking could look after the interests of our hockey umpires.

It is possible these suggestions may appear to have come like a bolt from the blue, but I have spoken to several

hockey enthusiasts and club secretaries, who have expressed themselves in favour of such a scheme, and they think it is worth while bringing before the Association.

If the thing is properly organised there is no tangible reason why it should not be a success. It would also supply the Association with an incentive to investigate the possibilities of acquiring a ground of its own—another consideration very vital to the game here.

The big thing to recognise is that hockey has now become a very important sport in the Colony and has a very large following of active participants. It is therefore a duty of the Association to see that the game is fully and ably governed, and it is to this end I commend the above ideas.

CLOSE OF  
SEASON  
MATCHES  
Champions  
V.  
The Rest

(By "The Pilgrim")

The ladies bring the 1936-7 hockey season to a close on Saturday next when the annual Winners v. The Rest match will be played.

Caer Clark Cup winners this year are the Y.M.C.A. and they will oppose a representative team on the Club ground, King's Park at 4 o'clock.

The winners of the Brawn Cup (Central British School "A") will play The Rest on the same ground at 6 o'clock. Both matches are bound to prove interesting as the Rest are turning out two strong sides.

The senior XI includes seven Interiors and it looks as though the champions are in for a beating. The junior side is also the strongest available, and I think it is certain that the champions will lose.

The following are the representative teams.

Rest XI to play Y.M.C.A.:—Mrs. Rose (St. Andrews); Miss E. Gray (H.K.L.H.C.); and Miss J. Smalley (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.); Miss J. Wong (St. Andrews); and Miss K. Glover (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss F. Wong (St. Andrews); Miss W. Marsh (H. K. L. H. C.); Mrs. Donald (H.K.L.H.C.); Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrews); and Miss D. Hunt (C.B.A.).

The team to play the Brawn Cup champions will be:

Miss Hall (D.G.S.); Mrs. Ratcliffe (R.U.R.); and Miss Parsons (C.B.A.); Miss Dodd (D.G.S.); Mrs. Holo (R.U.R.); and Mrs. Weir (R.W.F.); Mrs. Weir (H.K.L.H.C.); Mrs. Campbell (R.U.R.); Miss E. Hannon (R.U.R.); Miss M. Smalley (H.K.L.H.C.); and Miss Bockler (C.B.S.).

Reserves:—Mrs. Dominy, Mrs. Price, and Miss Churn.

SCRAPPY  
GAME OF  
HOCKEYClub Lose To  
Recreio

(By "The Pilgrim")

A somewhat scrappy game of hockey was played on the Club ground yesterday, when Club de Recreio with only ten men, yet representative of Portugal's strongest, beat the Club by a solitary goal scored by J. Pinto in the first few minutes of the game.

The Recreio were fortunate to win the match, but it must be admitted that handicapped as they were, they gave a very creditable performance. The absence of L. Oliveira made a tremendous difference to the team, which hardly played in keeping with the result.

The Recreio attack was not frantically impressive, hit and rush methods being employed by B. Gosano, Pinto and Sousa, and usually these were easily countered by Benwell in the Club goal who ran out and cleared without difficulty.

J. Goncalves played a splendid game at centre-half, while Rodrigues and E. L. Gosano were a safe pair of backs. Rodrigues was a trifle on the slow side and this might have been exploited to some good purpose by the Club attack, but they did not seize upon the opportunity. E. Alves on goal played a confident game and looked after his charge very well.

The Club forward line looked nice and played with thoroughly good understanding, but they were slow in grasping chances and were not very dangerous in front of goal.

Bond and Blackford were rather off form, whilst Divelt was a slow leader. The brothers, G. and S. Fowler were the danger spot in the Club attack, but they were very well held by Boltrao and Gosano.

W. A. Reed was another pick of the half backs with Starbuck on his right putting in some hard work in an unusual position. E. V. Reed was the better of the two backs while Benwell showed up exceedingly well in goal, played a fine game in the second half. He saved very cleverly from Pinto and Nelsoe.

This was, I believe, the last game of the season for the Club, and they certainly gave signs of that end-of-the-season feeling. N. Whitley's absence at left half was felt, and generally speaking the Club did not come up to reputation.

## FERRY DEFEATS VINES

New York, Mar. 17.  
Fred Perry beat Ellsworth Vines here last night by 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Vines is now leading by 17 matches to 15.—*Reuter's Bulletin*.



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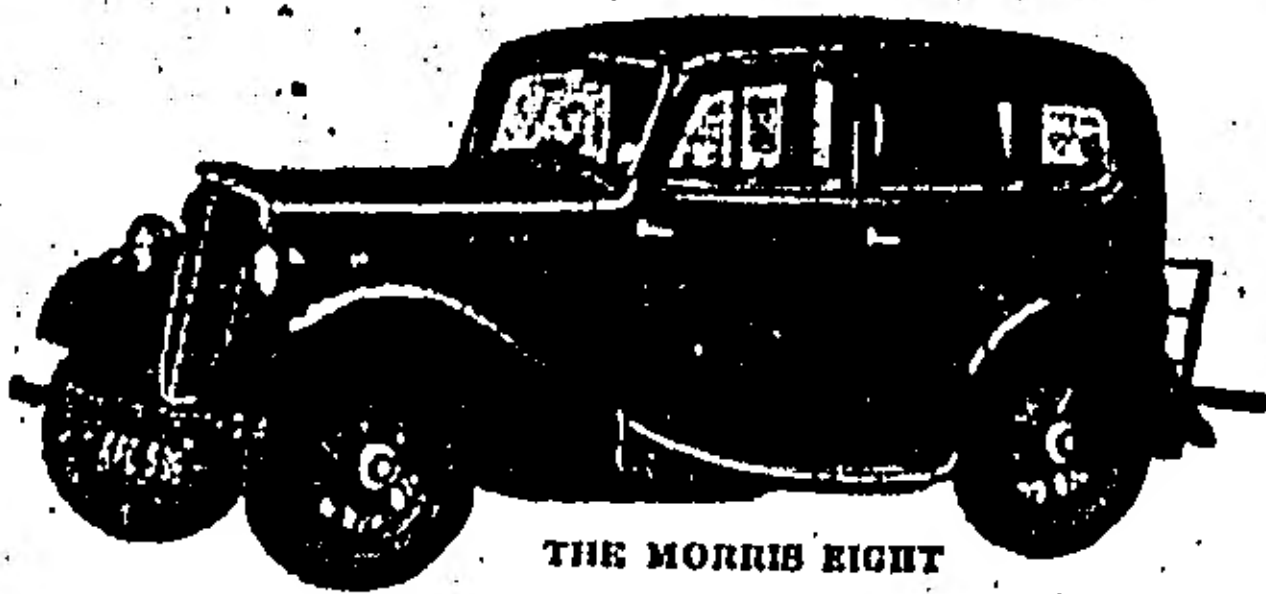
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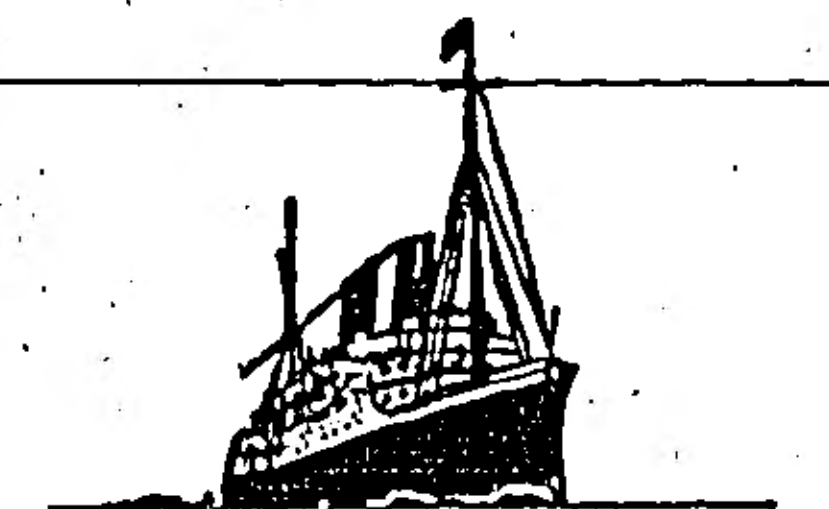
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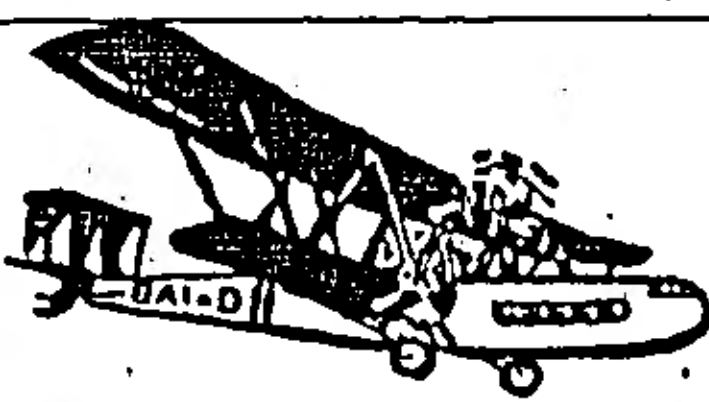
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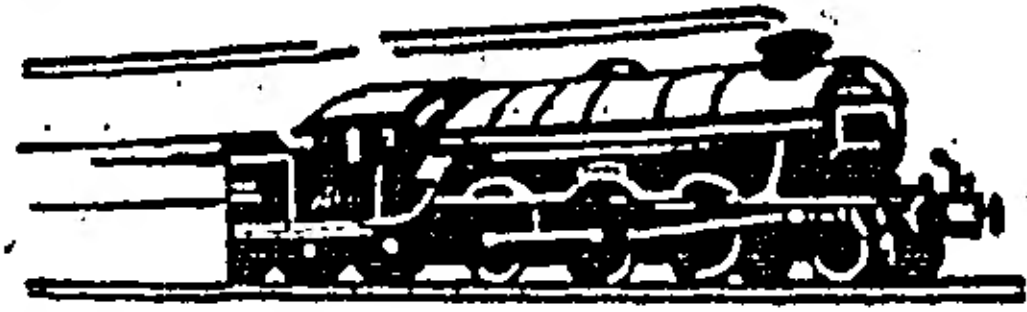
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## OLIVERIA AGAIN ESCAPES BY SKIN OF HIS TEETH

### Last Night's Exciting Quarter-Final In Men's Doubles ONE SURPRISE ONLY

(By "Veritas")

**WHETHER** he wins any of the titles or not, M. A. Oliveira will be able to look back at the 1936-37 badminton championships of the Colony with a good deal of interest and satisfaction, knowing that he has helped to provide some of the most exciting encounters of the tournament.

On three occasions Oliveira, who is regarded very favourably as a potential champion, has been next door to defeat, only to pull the game out of the fire at the very last minute. Last evening, in company with J. J. Remedios, he supplied the chief thrills in the quarter-finals of the men's doubles championship.

He and Remedios were opposed to T. J. Ong and F. Koh of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. The Recreio pair lost the first game, won the second and were trailing 3-1 in the third. By this time Ong and Koh appeared to be well on top, yet they could not consolidate, and by dint of a terrific effort on the part of Oliveira and Remedios, the scores were levelled and then the Recreio couple went away for the next four points and the match.

#### ONG'S BRILLIANCE

T. J. Ong, the same player who gave Oliveira such a fright in the quarter-finals of the open singles, played brilliant badminton for the major part of the match. He displayed wonderful speed and agility in moving about the court, always finding time to make his strokes deliberately. He cunningly disguised his drop shots in consequence of which they often scored outright, or forced up a weak return which the opposition could not help smashing for an ace, while his overhead work was magnificent. Ong made short shrift of the rather careless service deliveries on the part of Oliveira and Remedios, rushing them to such good purpose that he rarely failed to "kill" them first time.

Until the Recreio players started their third set recovery, Ong dominated the court and played some of the most spectacular badminton seen yet in the championships.

Koh's partner, was not quite so confident nor secure, lacking the same speed of foot and being liable to break down in the extended rallies. Yet he gave good support and if anything was the steadier of the two players towards the end.

#### DETERMINATION WINS

Full marks go to Oliveira and Remedios for their fine fighting recovery when all seemed over. Determination rather than the excellence of their badminton pulled them through. Remedios was a very important factor in deciding the last points of the match, though he went completely to pieces in the early stages of the third game.

Both players served poorly, but in the rallies they displayed pretty understanding and their team work was a big contributing factor to the result.

Oliveira was chiefly notable for some decisive "killing," while

Remedios employed finesse as well as showing a sound overhead.

In the first game Oliveira and Remedios led two-love, but Ong and Koh took a 3-2 lead which was immediately taken away and the Recreio pair went to 7-4. Then followed a startling run of success by Ong and Koh, who advanced from 4-7 in arrears to lead 10-7. Then Oliveira and Remedios picked up a point, but the Y.M.C.A. couple got on top again and won the game without conceding another ace.

The Recreio players obtained a long lead of seven-love in the second game, and although the opposition made a spirited reply, they held on to the advantage and finally went to their points for a 15-7 win.

In the deciding game, the ultimate winners led 3-1, and then the "Y" players brought their big guns into action and went right ahead, piling on the points until they led 11-3.

That was the last point they scored, although they had something like eight services and several opportunities. Gradually Oliveira and Remedios, by adding a couple of points on each service, drew up and having reached 11-all, saw their opponents go to pieces. It was a most exciting finish.

#### SURPRISINGLY EASY WIN

The ease in which H. A. Alves and E. de Souza beat K. S. Liew and K. L. Yung of the University took everybody by surprise. Displaying perfect combination, the Recreio players won as they liked against a pair who never looked like settling down. In both games the winners secured long leads and they eventually won the match 15-4, 15-3. Souza smashed beautifully while Alves adroitly placed the shuttle so that the opposition had to run about a good deal and to make hurried last-minute shots.

Yung was in poor form and could gain no control over the shuttle. Both Varsity exponents played poorly and never settled down.

#### SHOULD HAVE WON A GAME

S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok should have won the second game from T. C. Lee and P. K. Hui, the Varsity pair, but they allowed a great opportunity to slip through their grasp, the University players eventually winning a "settled" game after carrying off the first game at 15-4.

In the initial game, Liang and Kwok went to four-love, then did not score another point. In the second game they once more went to four-love, and this time consolidated. They increased the lead to 9-1, then 12-4. But the opposition began to overhaul them. Nevertheless they had splendid chances when leading 13-7, but lost them, mainly through Kwok's inability to smash decisively.

From this point Hui and Lee advanced to 13-all and the players "settled" at five. The C.R.C. pair won



PLAYING AGAINST THE CHAMPIONS—Miss E. Hamon (left) of the R.U.R., and Miss E. Chuan (D.G.S.) two of the players who will help the Rest against the Brawn Cup champions on Saturday.

the first two points, but were pulled back to two-all. Then they led 3-2, but were again checked and the Varsity players won the next three points for the match.

Liang played ideal badminton, scoring neatly and constantly with his cleverly concealed angled shots from the base of the court and by means of a well placed overhead smash. Kwok played good defensive badminton but was unable to finish off the rallies when presented with opportunities.

Hui played with great skill in the first game, but fell away afterwards. Lee smashed dashing and with great speed, and was always entertaining to watch.

Once again King's College court was kindly loaned to the Badminton Association for these matches. The full results of the matches were:

P. K. Hui and T. C. Lee beat F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang, 15-4, 13-13 and 5-3.

H. A. Alves and E. de Souza beat K. S. Liew and K. L. Yung, 15-4, 15-3.

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios beat T. J. Ong and F. Koh, 8-15, 15-7, 15-11.

#### SCHOOL CRICKET

A drawn match was played between Queen's College and the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School when they met at cricket on the Indian R.C. ground yesterday.

Queen's College declared at 150 for seven wickets. Small Ali scoring 49 and U. A. Rahman 55 not out. K. M. Rumjahn was the most successful bowler for the Indian School with five for 56.

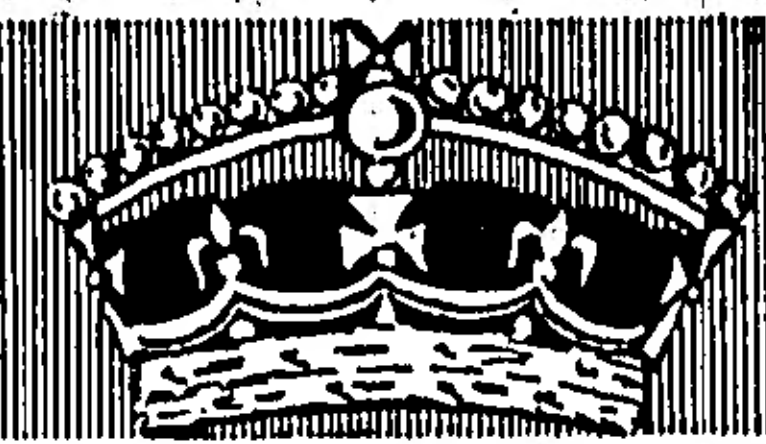
The Indian School replied with 125 for seven. K. M. Rumjahn also came off with the bat, hitting up 45. Telok Singh helped with 30 and A. A. Tipe with 28.

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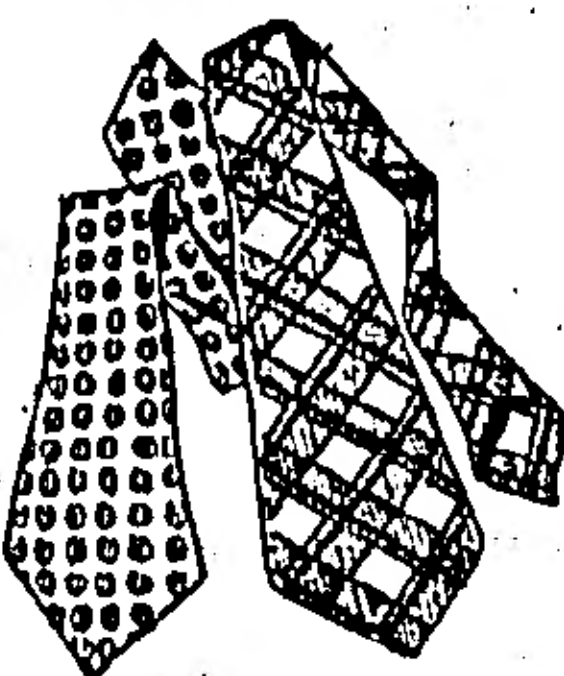
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## Dutch to Treat Ship Seizures As Acts of Piracy

### FINAL WARNING TO REBELS: WARSHIPS RUSH TO SPAIN

The Hague, March 17.

Any further seizure of Dutch ships by Spanish insurgent warships will be regarded as piracy, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Jhr. A. C. D. de Graeff, informed the Senate here to-day. It is piracy because the Dutch Government has not recognised General Francisco Franco's Government, he added.

Dutch warships have been instructed to take necessary action, he announced. His statement followed the receipt of news of the seizure of a Dutch collier at Ceuta this morning.—Reuter.

#### RUSHING TO SPAIN

Aden, Mar. 17.  
The Dutch cruiser, Java, returning to the East Indies, arrived here to-day and left again, at full speed, for Spanish waters.—Reuter.

#### Ready To Leave

Lisbon, Mar. 17.  
The Dutch submarine, O-10, which arrived in the Tagus last week, has received instructions from the Dutch Government to be ready to leave at a moment's notice. It is understood she is departing to-morrow for Malaga to demand the immediate release of two Dutch steamers recently seized by the insurgent fleet.—Reuter.

#### Collier Released

Rotterdam, Mar. 17.  
According to a message received by the owners from Ceuta, the insurgent authorities have released the collier, Jonge Johanna, reported seized this morning. Her cargo has not been confiscated.—Reuter.

#### Arms For Rebels

London, Mar. 17.  
Two German ships, the August Cords and the Consul Cords, are at present at Antwerp having loaded arms for Spain at Bremen, according to a Spanish note delivered to the Foreign Office to-day.

They are now loading ordinary cargo in order to disguise their real intentions, but their crews state that the ships are bound for ports in the insurgents' hands.—Reuter.

#### DUTCH WARNING TO INSURGENTS



Jhr. A. C. D. de Graeff, Netherlands Foreign Minister, who has warned the Spanish insurgents that any further seizure of Dutch ships will be treated as acts of piracy.

### FRESH STAMP ISSUE

HONGKONG'S FIFTH IN TWO YEARS CORONATION SERIES

The portraits of both King George VI and Queen Elizabeth are to appear on special Coronation stamps for Hongkong, and the rest of the British colonies.

The Coronation issue, which will consist of three denominations in one common design, will be on sale in Hongkong from May 12, the day of the Coronation, until the end of the year.

The new permanent issue for Hongkong will not now be ready until early in 1938. It was previously proposed to issue a few denominations of stamps in a standard King's head design at about the date of the Coronation, which would have formed part of the new permanent issue.

The new Coronation stamps will be of the same shape and size as the 1935 King George V Jubilee issue, and will be printed in single colours by the recess process.

The design of the stamps includes portraits of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in a setting of coronation emblems, including the Crown, Orb, Sword of State and Sceptre.

The date of the Coronation is inscribed at the top of the design and the words "Hongkong" appear at the base of the stamps, with duty labels in the lower corners.

The issue of the special Coronation stamps and the new ones of standard design will mean that stamps of five different types will have been on sale in Hongkong within about two years.

In addition, there is every possibility that Hongkong will have a special issue of stamps for its Centenary less than four years hence.

In addition to Hongkong, the special Coronation issue will apply to the following territories:

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Grenada, Jamaica, Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika Territory, the Leeward Islands, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat, Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Helena, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somaliland Protectorate, Straits Settlements, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, the Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Virgin Islands. Similar arrangements are also being made for Newfoundland.

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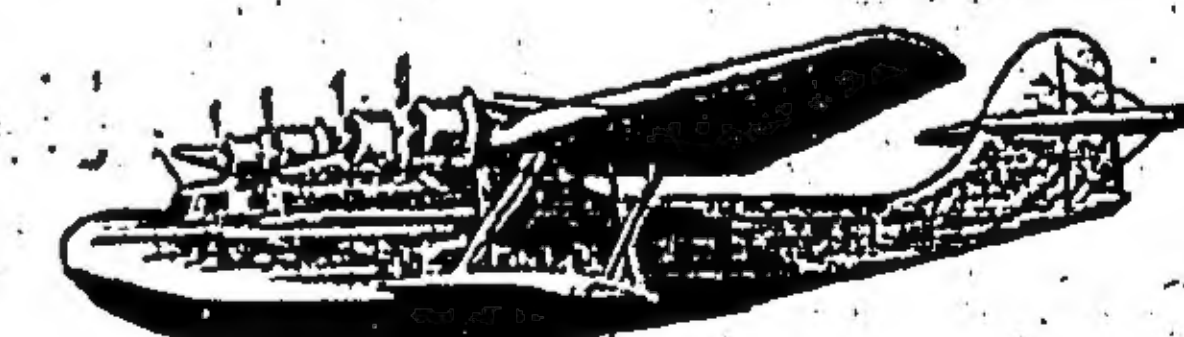
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